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Fire Guts Centre Of Town

Disaster In Br.
West Indies

Castries, St. Lucia, June 20.—Forty blocks of buildings were destroyed in Castries, capital of St. Lucia, British West Indies, by a fire during the night. The buildings destroyed included Government offices and major business houses. No loss of life is reported but 1,000 of the population of 20,000 were rendered homeless.

The centre of the town, including the Secretariat, the Supreme Court, the Legislative Council, the Registry, the Customs, the Education, and the Health buildings were completely gutted.

All grocery and drug stores were destroyed. The St. Lucia Library, the Carnegie building, the office and printing works of the newspaper, "The Voice of St. Lucia," Barclays Bank, the Cable and Wireless offices and a theatre were burnt to the ground.

The stricken town is threatened by serious food and supply shortages, while the homeless are presenting an almost insuperable problem to the island's housing resources, difficult enough in normal times.

TROOPS AID FIREMEN

The police—the town's only fire fighting force—had little chance of controlling the fire owing to the low pressure of the water supply, depleted by an unusually long drought.

United States troops rushed in fire-fighting equipment from the field, two and a half hours distance by road from Castries, and joined the battle against the flames.

This disaster to Castries—the second in 21 years—was even more destructive than the fire which swept through the town in May, 1927.

St. Lucia, one of the Windward Islands, forming the eastern barrier to the Caribbean Sea between Martinique and Trinidad, has a population of 78,170 and an area of 233 square miles.

The cruiser Sheffield was standing by at Bermuda tonight to go to the aid of the stricken people of Castries, capital of St. Lucia, in the Windward Islands, where fire today destroyed the main part of the town.—Reuter.

GREEK ARMY LAUNCHES BIG OFFENSIVE AGAINST GUERRILLAS Air-Land Bombardment

Athens, June 20.—The greatest Greek Army offensive since the Greeks routed the Italians in 1941 started tonight in the grim peaks of the Grammos mountains along the Albanian frontier. The Greek drive was an all-out effort of the American-directed Greek Army to smash the guerillas of General Markos in the craggy lairs of "Free Greece."

The drive opened with a heavy air and land bombardment of the rebels' strongholds. But the rebels are putting up a fierce fight. The main attack was set to begin at 8 p.m. GMT, Greek sources said, but the battle already is under way.

More than 100 guns flashed and thundered through the mountains as the Greeks began a barrage. A big attack later tonight will be launched by six full divisions under the leadership of Lieutenant General George Kalogeropoulos.

The attackers are the famous second corps which forced Mussolini's black shirts to retreat ignominiously into Albania in the last war. About 60,000 men are ranged in a great U based at Metsovo. The western arm is from Konitsa to Yannina and the eastern arm from Kastoria to Grevena.

Within the U whose open end is 40 miles of the Albanian frontier,

were some 7,000 guerillas. If successful, the offensive will trap and wipe out the largest Greek guerilla forces and eliminate the supply route from Albania or send them routed and defeated across the frontier.

American observers, confident of success, believed that the outcome will be known in two or three days. It is expected that "Free Greece" will be off the map in ten days to two weeks.

The Grammos Communists have long been judged the cream of general Markos' troops. The masters of a hare and hounds warfare are among the snow capped peaks and many were the same men who stood off the Germans throughout the last war.

BIGGEST DANCER

The greatest fear of the Greek Army and the American observers was that the Communists would gain advance information of the offensive and infiltrate by night out of the stronghold or refuse to fight and withdraw north into Albania.

If they choose to fight, the guerillas can hold out bitterly and at a great cost to the attackers. They are reported to have seen brigades strong, the 10th, 14th, 102, 105, 107, the Lokis and Stalis brigades with the latter including the well indoctrinated fanatic youth groups. Their hold out point is expected to be around the 8,000-ft Mount Gomora in the heart of the Grammos range.

The offensive was preceded by three days of "softening up" by two thirds of the Royal Hellenic Air Force. The guerillas are known to have only 12 to 16 artillery pieces and a limited number of 20 mm ack ack weapons which have been bombed, rocketed and strafed continuously, and one attack is reported to have severely damaged Gen. Markos' headquarters.

The Greek General Staff said the air arm will continue bombing.

NAVY IN ACTION

Equally important preparatory work was done by the Royal Hellenic Navy. With the Corinth Canal still closed by German demolition, it brought a mass of troops, supplies and ammunition needed for the western flank of offensive around the Peloponnese from Athens.

The General Staff said they were planning for an offensive to begin in early spring.

Greek and American authorities feared that the guerillas may receive some warning of the offensive from the air effort and a major drive by the 15th division against the northeastern corner of their stronghold as well as from "leaks" in the Greek Press.

For several days, some 1,000 guerillas have been putting up a stiff fight near Aspragell on the Yannina-Koritsa supply road to the western flank of the Government troops while others of undetermined strength managed to slip through the army lines to the mountains to the south.

To counter these guerilla movements, regarded as diversions, the Army called on some 15,000 national

guard troops to back up the areas behind the offensive.

Simultaneous assaults were also launched on the guerilla controlled areas in Peloponnese near Mount Olympus and along the Yugoslav and Bulgarian borders.

Next week, King Paul is expected to visit the Grammos sector where it is hoped the offensive would give the Army a permanent domination of the Albanian frontier after recapturing the largest single area of Greece under guerilla domination.—United Press.

Only A Truman-Stalin Meeting Can Ease World Tension

New York, June 20.—Only a meeting between President Harry Truman of the United States and Generalissimo Josef Stalin of the USSR can bring an overall clarification of the controversial issues between the two countries, a general easing of world tension, and the peace and tranquillity the whole world needs.

That, at least, is the opinion of Rear Admiral Ellis Zacharias, the wartime Chief of United States Naval Intelligence, expressed in an article entitled "What Stalin Thinks," published in the unofficial magazine "United Nations World."

On the basis of the best and most reliable information I could gather," writes Admiral Zacharias, "I may describe Stalin's attitude towards war as follows:

"1.—Stalin will not launch a direct aggression, if only because of his apprehension that the Soviet system might not survive another war.
"2.—If attacked, however, the Generalissimo will mobilize the whole resources of the vast subcontinent, will drive the nation ruthlessly into battle, and will never capitulate."

STALIN APPREHENSIVE

Using the "methods and techniques of the trained intelligence officer" to obtain material for his article, Admiral Zacharias states: "Stalin is apprehensive of the United States today because he suspects us of aggressive intentions."

Dentists Turn Down New Health Service

Birmingham, June 20.—The Representative Board of the British Dental Association, whose membership total 8,000 out of Britain's 15,000 dentists, decided here today, by an overwhelming majority, not to take part in the Labour Government's new National Health Service.

The aim of the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, was to provide a dental service for everybody under his scheme, which brings every person in the country under the compulsory health insurance.

The doctors decided to co-operate after prolonged argument and Ministerial concessions.
The Board here today decided to send a letter to all member dentists urging them to remain outside the service. A statement which they issued said "Members are profoundly dissatisfied with the complete refusal of the Minister to grant any of the Association's basic principles, and with the hurried way the remuneration negotiations were carried through."—Reuter.

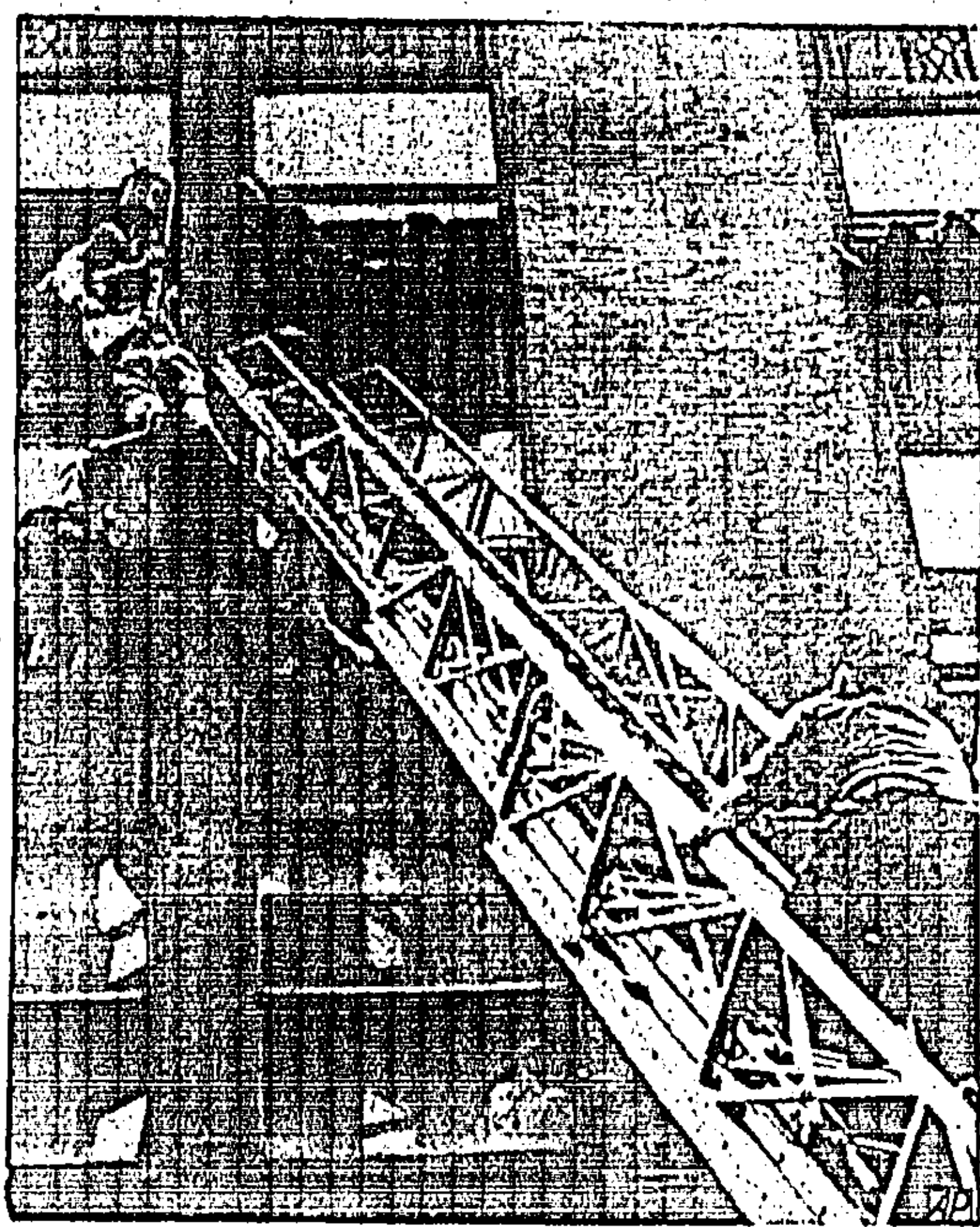
Cairo Explosions

Cairo, June 20.—Rescue workers were tonight working desperately among the debris in the Jewish quarter of Cairo where two early morning explosions destroyed eight houses and damaged many others. The latest death toll was 25 killed, with 54 injured, 37 of them seriously.—Reuter.

WHARF COLLAPSES

Rome, June 20.—Twelve persons were drowned today when a wharf collapsed at Strada and plunged about 30 feet into the water.—Associated Press.

Window Washer Rescued



Chicago city firemen drag a dangling window washer, John Monoz, 50, to safety after his belt broke while he was washing windows on the sixth floor. Near tragedy occurred at Sacony-Vacuum building at 59 East Van Buren Street in the loop district.—AP Picture.

BERLIN HAS THE JITTERS

CURRENCY REFORM RUMOURS

Berlin, June 20.—Berliners were tonight nervously watching for the slightest clue to the Soviet counter-measures to today's currency reform in the Western Zones of Germany, and the city was alive with rumours.

While German circles in close touch with the Russians expected them to postpone a reform, others were quoted as saying a formal Soviet announcement would be made today or tomorrow.

Both the Russians and the Western Allies were "known" to be prepared to issue new money in their own sectors of the four-power capital "when the time came."

Berlin was today still virtually isolated from the West by the travel ban, designed to stop smugglers flooding the Eastern zone with old mark notes. All land and water traffic eastward to Berlin had stopped except for freight trains, which were being closely searched. A limited shuttle air service started by the British authorities yesterday was continued.

NO MAN'S LAND

DENA, the German news service, reported that a No Man's Land, along the whole Eastern demarcation line in Germany, 15 miles to 30 miles wide, has been formed by Russian forces and German police.

The agency also quoted confidential reports that the Russians plan a sudden complete closing of the frontier in the early hours of Monday morning.

The British-licensed "Telegraf" predicted today the Soviet authorities would issue a restricted number of old Reichsmarks with a special stamp as the new Soviet-Zone currency.

HOW H.K. LOST CRICKET MATCH

A special report, describing how Hongkong lost the cricket match against the Singapore Civilians eleven appears on the sports page —Page 6.

Other unconfirmed reports said the Western Allies might introduce the new Deutsche mark into their own sectors of Berlin if the Russians tried to impose a currency of their own on the city.

CRATES OF MONEY?

Meanwhile, Berliners have to use the old money, now valueless in the Western Zones. The Chief of Police, Herr Paul Markgraf, today threatened with heavy fines and prison sentences all shopkeepers who refused to sell their goods in the present uncertainty.

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EDITORIAL

Fight Against Inflation

SPECULATION is growing as to the degree of success which the British Government's attack on inflation is achieving. On the one hand there is a school of thought which knows there is the even more urgent need of controlled deflation and which hopes that the success already gained will continue. On the other side there are the anti-deflationists who think that there is little chance of permanent success for the policy while there remains a pent up demand for consumer goods and while world prices go on rising. As to the facts, there has been a fairly extensive reduction in the prices of a number of essentials, such as certain foodstuffs. Against this, rises in the cost of imported materials have meant higher prices for articles like clothing and furniture. Nevertheless, a substantial amount of purchasing power is being kept in hand by the public who are holding off buying less essential goods and even clothes. There are distinct indications that the supplies and stocks of many consumer goods have been on the increase for some months. Then again, the seasonal factor of diversions of some purchasing power to summer holidays is beginning to operate. Another increasingly potent factor is Government's efforts to reduce the spending potential by higher taxation as developed in last April's financial budget. The aim of the current budget is a surplus of £750,000,000 of taxation over ordinary expenditure and a not surplus after meeting capital commitments of £230,000,000. Weekly returns to date show that this aim is being realised and a useful surplus is being built up. Finally, there is evidence that the current high

prices for many non-essentials are becoming an increasing deterrent to public spending. All of which introduces the question how, if their already restricted spending is being reduced, are the British people living? In answering this it is essential to appreciate that no one is going without essentials such as food or clothing. Efficient systems of rationing have seen to this, in such a manner moreover, as to spread supplies evenly over the whole population. Increases in basic wage rates and old age pensions have also made it possible for all to afford minimum essential needs. The ironing out of extremes of poverty and affluence is shown by the fact that, based on 1938 prices and allowing for population changes, personal expenditure on consumer goods and services were in 1947 only two percent below 1938, compared with five percent in 1946. Subsidies too, which are now costing some £400,000,000 yearly, have helped to make food supplies available to all at reasonable prices, while rationing and bulk buying have also made it possible to offset shortages of some foods by offering more of others. The actual position today is that while in some directions supplies are below prewar, most of the essential consumer goods are not down to "starvation" levels. Furthermore, while the weather sections of the British community are buying less in quantity than before the war the poorest sections can now afford basic supplies. It might even be argued there is room for reductions in several directions—if the export drive, which is still the paramount need, should call for a diversion of more goods from home use to overseas markets.

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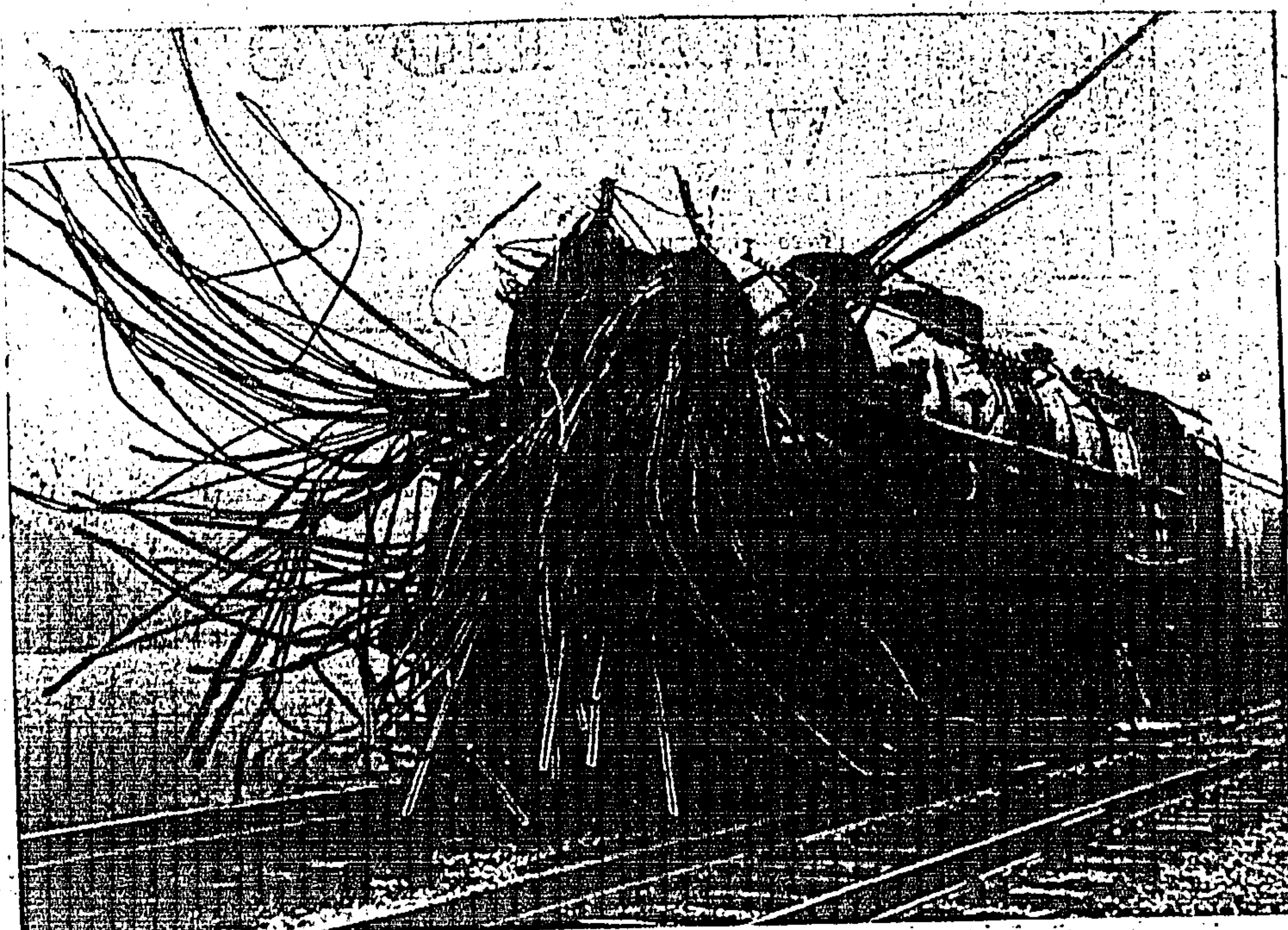
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



A NEW LOOK OF THEIR OWN—Bowling to fashion's "new look," the New York City Police Department approved the new uniform, left, for its policewomen. It features a longer, fuller skirt and a perky new hat. The old uniform is also shown.



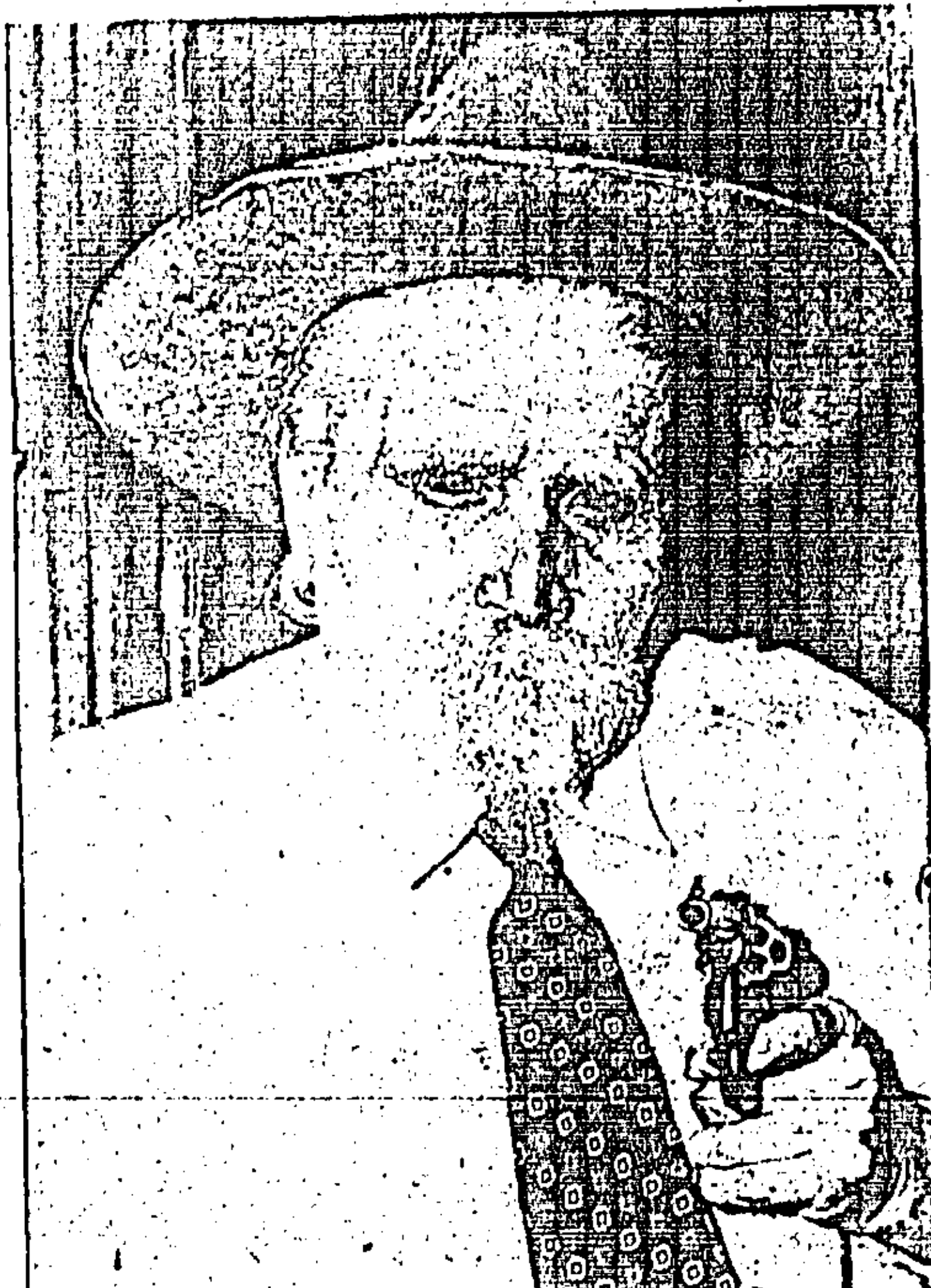
TORN BY BLAST—Twisted steam pipes jut from the front of this blast-torn Chesapeake and Ohio line locomotive. The explosion, which wrecked the engine a mile-and-a-half east of Chillicothe, Ohio, killed three of the train's crew.



SAILORS GET IN SHAPE—Two British sailors snapped carrying wheels over an obstacle course in Portsmouth by means of wire ropes and pulleys. They were rehearsing for the Royal Tournament, which took place this month.



HANDICAP HANDS WEAVE WAY TO HEALTH—With a hand loom, Bonnie Bonhivert taught her paralysed hands to weave intricate designs that won her a blue ribbon at Chicago's Youth Hobby Fair. Her hands were paralysed in an accident six years ago, and through slow, tedious exercises she was able to use them again.



JESSE JAMES?—You are looking down the barrel of a six-shooter wielded by Col. J. Frank Lawton, who says he is Jesse James. This Oklahoman is 100 years' old, and he says for that reason he can now, according to a bond he made with his partners, reveal his real identity.



MUSICALLY INCLINED—Children at Ottawa, Canada, crowd around Eugene Kash, conductor of the Children's Concerts. Kash selects music that will show the work of the various orchestral instruments, and interrupts the concerts to explain the music or invite the children to hum. He is a combination master of ceremonies, teacher, conductor and friend.



JAPANESE GIFT FOR BRITISH PRELATE—Two women display a cape made with meticulous care by Japanese craftsmen in Tokyo for presentation to the Archbishop of Canterbury from the Anglican Communion of Japan. The garment will be presented in London by three Japanese Episcopal bishops.

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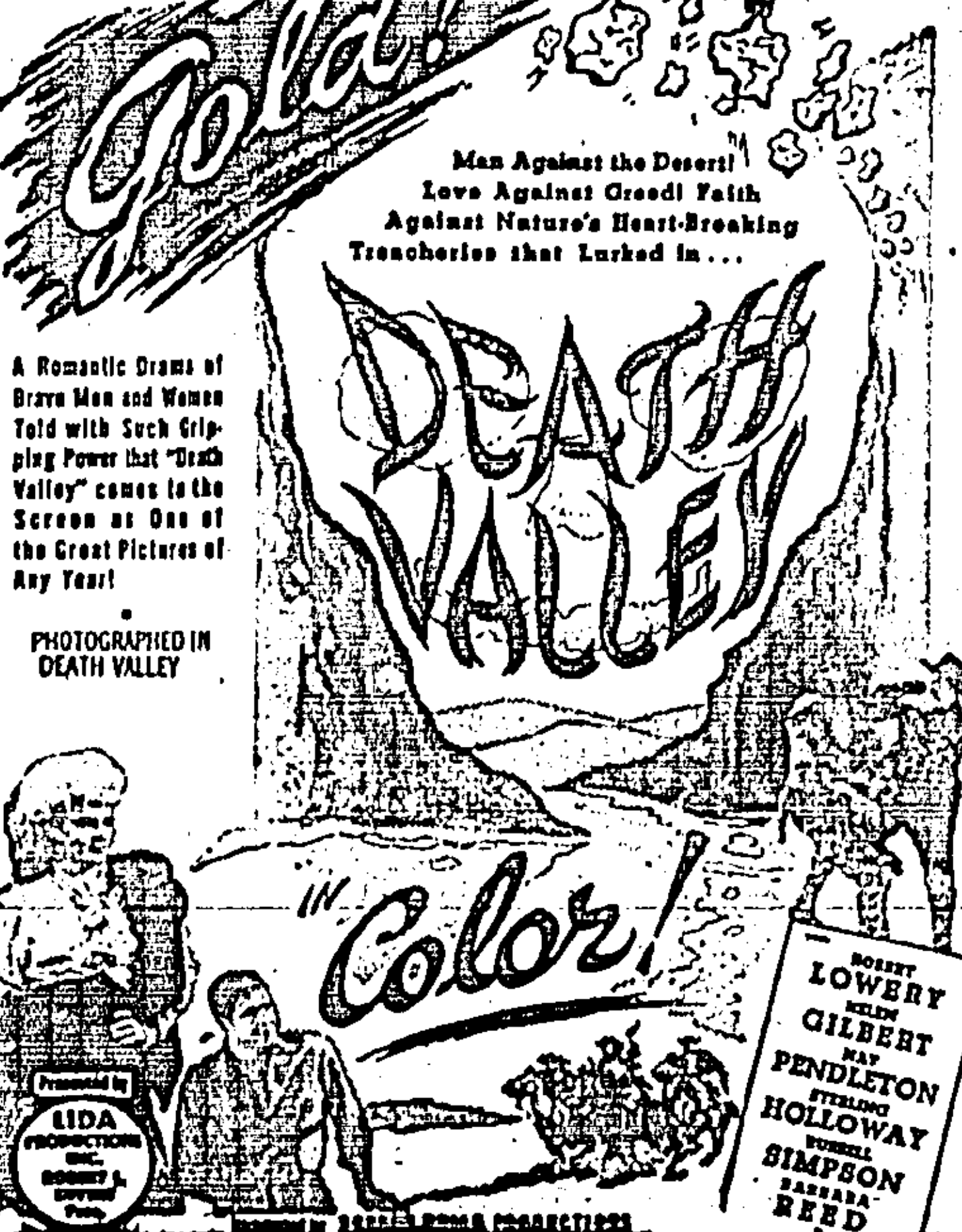
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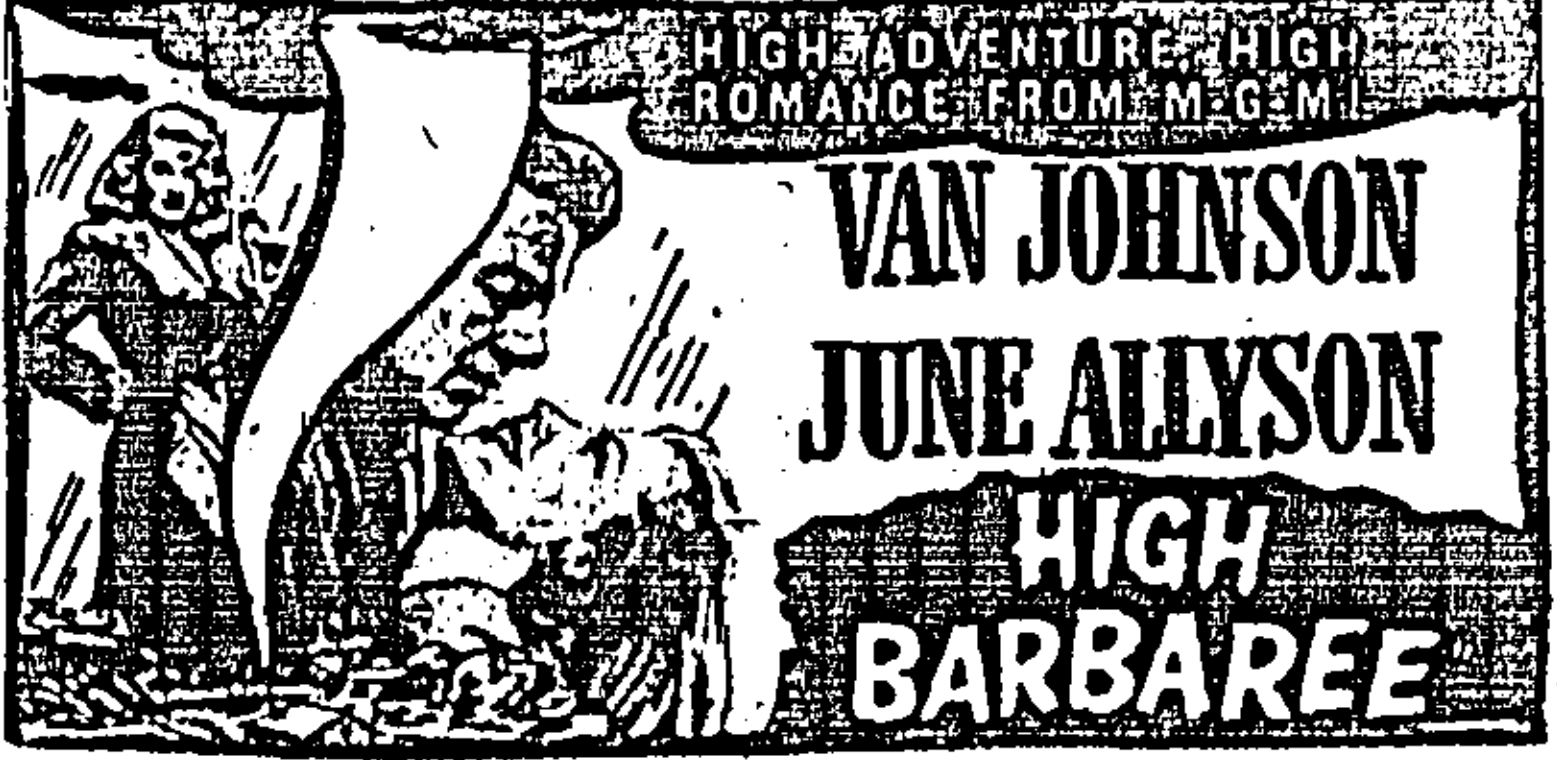
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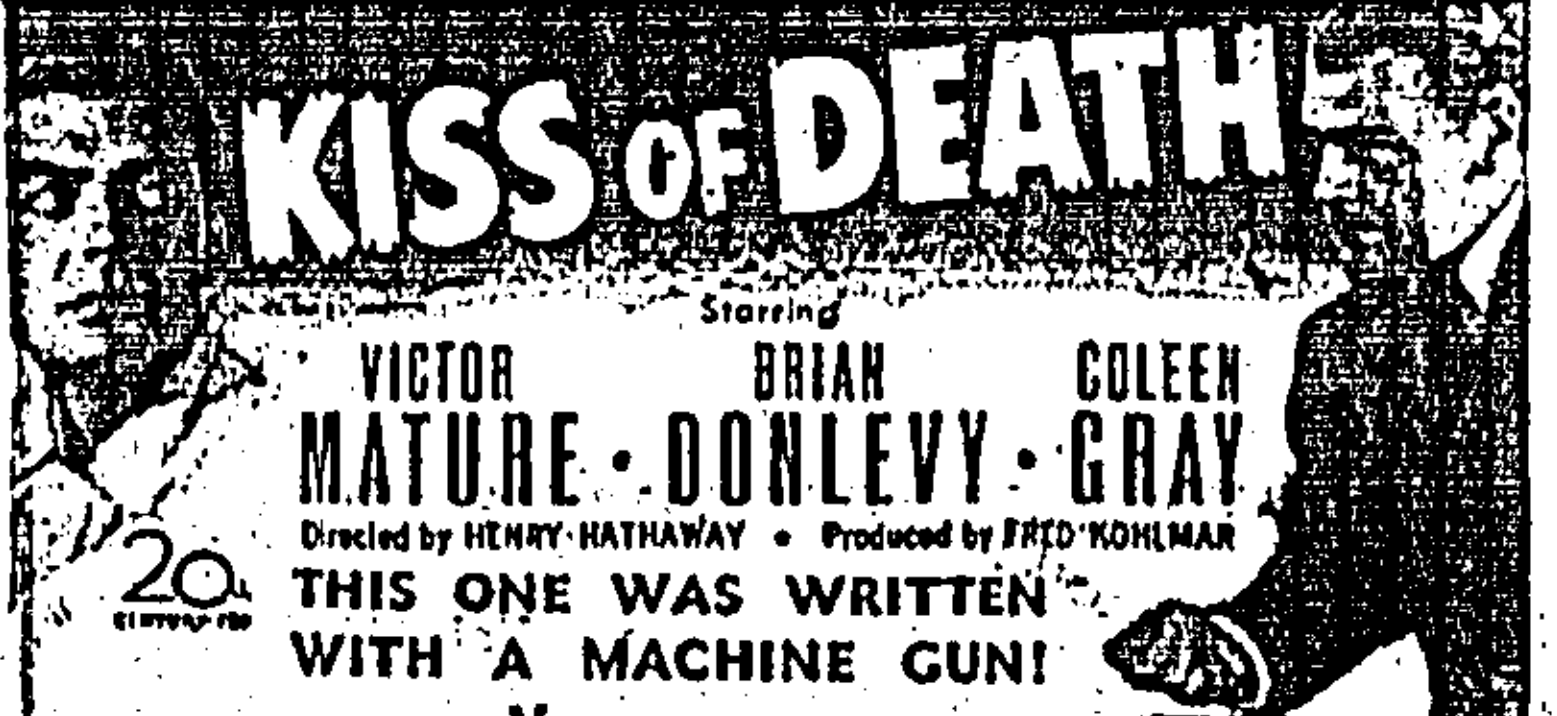
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SENATOR EDWARD MARTIN

By HARRY W. FRANTZ

UNITED STATES Senator

Edward Martin will be presented to the Republican National Convention as the "favourite son" of the state of Pennsylvania, which has a population of over 10,000,000 and will have the second delegation at the Convention in point of numbers.

For a time it appeared probable that Martin would receive all the 73 votes on the Pennsylvania delegation on the first ballot, but the fact that both Harold Stassen and Governor Thomas Dewey made a superior showing in the state primary election indicates factional differences within Pennsylvania and some uncertainty as to the ultimate intentions of the Pennsylvania politicians.

Martin has not waged an active campaign for the presidency. He was recommended to favourable national attention by 28 Pennsylvania members of the House of Representatives. He replied non-committally that he was not a candidate but ambitious "to have the Republican Party go into the 1948 Presidential campaign united under the leadership of a candidate strong in patriotism, effective in administration and steadfast in courage to assure the United States its rightful place in the world."

REPUBLICAN TERRITORY

A remote possibility of Martin's selection as Vice - Presidential nominee has not been eliminated, however, because of the powerful influence of Pennsylvania in national politics, and the determination of Pennsylvania Republicans to restore the state of Pennsylvania to the Republican column next December.

Although Pennsylvania was always regarded as "Republican territory" after the war between the states in the 1860's, it gave a Democratic plurality to Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936, 1940 and 1944.

Senator Martin's claim to national recognition grew out of his wartime service as Governor of Pennsylvania, followed by his election to United States Senate in 1940.

His military service over a period of 44 years included the Spanish-American war, the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican border campaign of 1910, World War I and World War II. As major-general he was commander of Pennsylvania's 28th (Keystone) Division, which he trained for service overseas. But he was retired for age early in the war. He wears many decorations including the Distinguished Service Cross.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

He was elected Governor of Pennsylvania in 1942. Under his direction the immense industrial and agricultural potential of Pennsylvania was mobilised for national defence, and the state produced fabulous quantities of steel, coal, munitions of war and food products.

As Senator from Pennsylvania Martin had an active part in the "Stop Communism" efforts by Congress. When a Communist group of war veterans called to ask legislative favours he made to them a widely publicised address:

"I respect the veteran and all that his uniform stands for, but when you come here representing the Communist Party, you have no right to claim the respect and treatment due to veterans. No one can be faithful to American ideals and accept the teachings of Communism. There is a place for those of you who prefer to live under Communism. I suggest that you go there and stay there."

The Amazing Story of Mr Howe & Mr Hummel

WILLIAM F. HOWE and Abraham H. Hummel, partners in Howe and Hummel's Law Offices at 89, Centre-street, New York City, were beyond dispute the greatest criminal lawyers of their day. Between 1869, when it was organised, and 1907, when it was put out of business by District Attorney William Travers Jerome, the firm of Howe and Hummel defended more than 1,000 people indicted for murder or manslaughter.

They had almost a monopoly on the rest of the criminal business in New York in their day. When 74 madams were rounded up during a purity drive in 1884, every one of them named Howe and Hummel as counsel.

Mother Mandelbaum, the leading fence of the age, paid Howe and Hummel a retainer of \$1,000 a year to defend her and her army of thieves.

The firm had the legal business of General Abe Greenthal's Sheeny Mob, a nation-wide syndicate of pickpockets; of Chester McLaughlin's Valentine Gang of forgers; and of the Whyos, an organisation of thugs and killers that was perhaps the toughest of all the 19th century gangs.

Charles O. Brockway, a counterfeiter so adroit that the United States Treasury once had to withdraw an issue of its 100-dollar bills because they were indistinguishable from his, found it expedient to pay Howe and Hummel in genuine coin of the realm.

Exports

It was Howe and Hummel who collected \$14,000—said to be the largest fee paid any criminal lawyers before prohibition—from George Leonidas Leslie,

For 35 years they were the legal advisers to the professional criminals of New York. They were the classic shysters—experts on every form of illegal practice

BY RICHARD H. ROVERE

alias Western George, and his accomplices in the robbery of the Manhattan Savings Institution in 1878.

The two lawyers had, in addition, the business of every freelance safecracker, forger, arsonist, confidence man, bucketshop proprietor whose business was worth having.

Howe and Hummel were the mouthpieces—if not, as was often asserted, the brains—of organised crime in New York for more than 30 years.

It might be said that Howe and Hummel were the classic shysters. Their hoaxing of juries, their inspired quibbling, and their skill in fabricating evidence are part of the folklore of the American Bar. They found loopholes large enough for convicted murderers to walk through standing up.

Loopholes

ONCE, in 1888, Howe produced a state of terror in New York by invoking a technicality, which, if it had been allowed by the higher courts, would have set free not only the murderer he was defending, but every other first-degree murderer then awaiting execution and every defendant then awaiting trial for first degree murder.

On another occasion Hummel almost depopulated the city prison on Blackwell's Island by discovering a technical error in

the procedure by which 240 petty criminals had been committed. After collecting a small fee from each man they obtained the release of the entire group.

Often, when Howe, who did most of the firm's criminal trial work, made a particularly brilliant defence of a particularly guilty client, the firm printed the trial as a pamphlet and distributed it through the underworld "with the compliments of Howe and Hummel's Law Offices, 89, Centre-street, directly across from Tombs Prison."

The partners even advertised the kind of results they got in their telegraphic address, which was Lenient.

No Papers

NO money was ever kept in the Howe and Hummel offices. This was probably a sound business policy in view of the class of people who frequented the place. Numbering so many gifted forgers among their clients the partners would not accept cheques. Payment had to be made in advance, and in strictly legal tender.

At the close of each day, the two attorneys met at Pontin's Restaurant in Franklin-street, and emptied their pockets on the table. The day's take was divided evenly between the two. All of Howe and Hummel's book-keeping was done on Pontin's tabicloths. The firm kept no account books and was shy on records of any sort. There was method in this apparent lack of method.

When District Attorney Jerome investigating the firm's part in the Dodge-Horse divorce scandal in 1905, the case which resulted in the imprisonment of Abe Hummel and the dissolution of the firm, subpoenaed the firm's records, he found

that there were none. There was not a single item of correspondence, not a single cheque, not a receipt, not a telegram relating to the case. They had not been destroyed; they had never existed.

Howe and Hummel had no use for paper of any kind, except paper money. All their communication with clients was by word of mouth, directly or by telephone, and by messenger.

Breach-of-promise blackmail was a Howe and Hummel specialty. Howe and Hummel affidavits alleging seduction under promise of marriage troubled the morning-after thoughts of playboys and stage-struck business men for a quarter of a century. "Deep terror," it was said, struck the heart of anyone who found Howe and Hummel stationery in his morning mail.

An invitation to call at the Howe and Hummel offices usually brought the recipient running at full speed, bathed in perspiration.

It cost anywhere from £1,000 to £2,000 to redeem a Howe and Hummel affidavit; the heart balm was split fifty-fifty between the injured lady and her attorneys.

Lawyers still alive who represented the victims of this blackmail estimate that the number of men shaken down by Hummel between 1885 and 1905 must have been well up in the hundreds.

Hummel was the most systematic of blackmailers. He did not sit idly by waiting for soiled doves to fly in his office window. He was constantly beating the bushes for fresh affidavit copy.

Throats

HE assigned two of his employees to go out alone Broadway and the Bowery in search of unexploited seductions. These two became as familiar figures backstage as scene shifters and wardrobe mistresses. They would make the acquaintance of young actresses and chorus girls and explain to them how last year's infatuation could be converted into next year's fur coats.

They had the girls rummaging around in their memories for old seductions the way antique dealers get home owners to tearing up their attics in search of old rhinestones and hiddenback chairs. When a girl came across with a likely story she was escorted down-town to Hummel, who got the details from her and set them down in affidavit form.

The existence of this affidavit would then be made known to the man named in it, and he was given his choice of breach of promise, suit with wide publicity and with no details spared, or a quick settlement.

When the pavement, always in cash, had been handed over to him, Hummel would fetch a clerk and make copies of the affidavit and hand them to the victim's lawyer for identification. If for some morbid reason the client wanted the papers for his files, they were his for the asking. Most of the time, however, the client wanted nothing more than the permanent destruction of the papers and Hummel would oblige by tossing them into the fire.

It was a matter of both principle and good business with Hummel to see to it that a man who had once been "successfully" blackmailed was never again troubled by the same girl.

Of course, if the man was light-headed enough to be overcome by the charms of another demanding young woman, that was his own look-out, and Hummel would see to it that the girl's interests were well represented. But as far as he was concerned, it was a matter of a single bill for a single seduction.

Little Talk

NATURALLY, it sometimes occurred to the brighter young women that it would be sound economy to make an old investment pay off a second time if that were possible. They would start proceedings through another lawyer.

As soon as Hummel heard that one of his victims was being troubled again he straightened things out for the victim in short order. Hummel once explained to a group of friends how he managed this.

"Before I hand over her share," Hummel said, "the girl and I have a little talk."

"She listens to me dictate an affidavit saying that she has deceived me, as her attorney, into believing that a criminal conversation (one of the period's legal euphemisms for an act of adultery) had taken place, that in fact nothing at all between her and the man involved ever took place, that she was thoroughly repentant over her conduct in the case, and that but for the fact that the money had already been spent she would wish to return it."

"She signs this and I give her the money. Whenever they start up something a second time I just call them in and read them the affidavit. That does the trick."

Political Newsfront

By W. J. BROWN, MP

Peace in Palestine—at all costs

UNDER the pressure of sharpening crisis, the kaleidoscope of politics revolves the more rapidly as time goes on.

In foreign affairs the immediate key-point is Palestine.

After the decision to quit Palestine—which gave an effective answer to Jewish propaganda, especially in the U.S.A., that Britain would never relinquish her hold and would play off Jew and Arab in order to stay there in perpetuity—we have now contrived to create the impression that, having got out ourselves, we mean Palestine to remain predominantly in Arab hands, and to control it indirectly through them.

Had the Americans were plainly supporting the Jews, we have given the clear impression that we were behind the Arabs.

Had the truce not come in Palestine, had the fighting continued, Palestine would have presented the spectacle of something like a war between America and Britain, fought at second hand, through agents.

And that may yet be the position if the truce breaks down.

ANGLO-AMERICAN tension has reached new high levels of strain. The Americans, on whose charity we survive, and who are conscious of their new position as the greatest Power in the world, resent our taking a line different from theirs.

Unless tension is resolved by settlement in Palestine, the whole conception underlying the relations between America and Europe may break down.

Europe and America alike fear the threat of Russia. America was willing to help Europe towards economic recovery, for in that recovery lay the best hope of preventing a further spread of Communism.

Progress towards European unity, the prospects of Marshall aid, the world-wide reaction to the crime of Czechoslovakia, the defeat of the Communists in Italy—all these had induced in Stalin, not indeed a change of heart, but a change of strategy.

A "soft" treaty was made with Finland, to avoid driving Scandinavia into the Western bloc.

"Excitations" were staged in Czechoslovakia with a view to providing some sort of popular sanction, or the appearance of it, to what had been done there.

"Peace" feelers had been thrown out in Stalin's letter to Wallace. That letter was no more sincere than a dozen similar letters or interviews which Stalin has given when conditions necessitated a temporary retreat.

STALIN only recoils the better to advance. But for the moment he has recoiled.

Anglo-American antagonism might restore Stalin's position. It might easily lead to defections from the European coalition which is slowly being built up.

Then the Russian advance would be swiftly resumed. At all costs, and at whatever sacrifice to anybody's susceptibilities, there must be a settlement in Palestine. This is utterly, urgently vital.

At home, all things are dominated by electoral manoeuvring. An old saying has it that a statesman is a man who thinks of the next generation; a politician is a man who thinks of the next General Election.

We are in the hands of politicians, not statesmen.

Mr Morrison has made it clear that the need for winning the next election dictates a given line of policy. Mr Bevan has made it clear that he rejects Mr Morrison's approach. Now Mr Dalton rejoins the Cabinet.

His re-entry will strengthen the Left, and its illusions against the more sober realism of Cripps.

WE live in a fool's paradise. But the facts are inexorable.

The adverse balance of payments is not diminishing. It is rising. Last month's figures show that it is running now at £650 millions a year—£50 millions higher than before.

This means further inroads into our now scanty stores of gold. Within a month or two our reserves will have fallen below the figure hitherto held to be the absolute minimum on which the system could function.

Then, unless we use American aid for current consumption instead of capital re-equipment—and if we do, we should postpone the crisis only at the expense of increasing its severity later—fresh cuts will have to be imposed, fresh austerities endured.

MEANTIME, all sorts of factors combine to increase the bedevilment of the situation. Dalton, at Scarborough, softened down the harsh warnings of Cripps, and denied that it was the Government's intention to freeze wages.

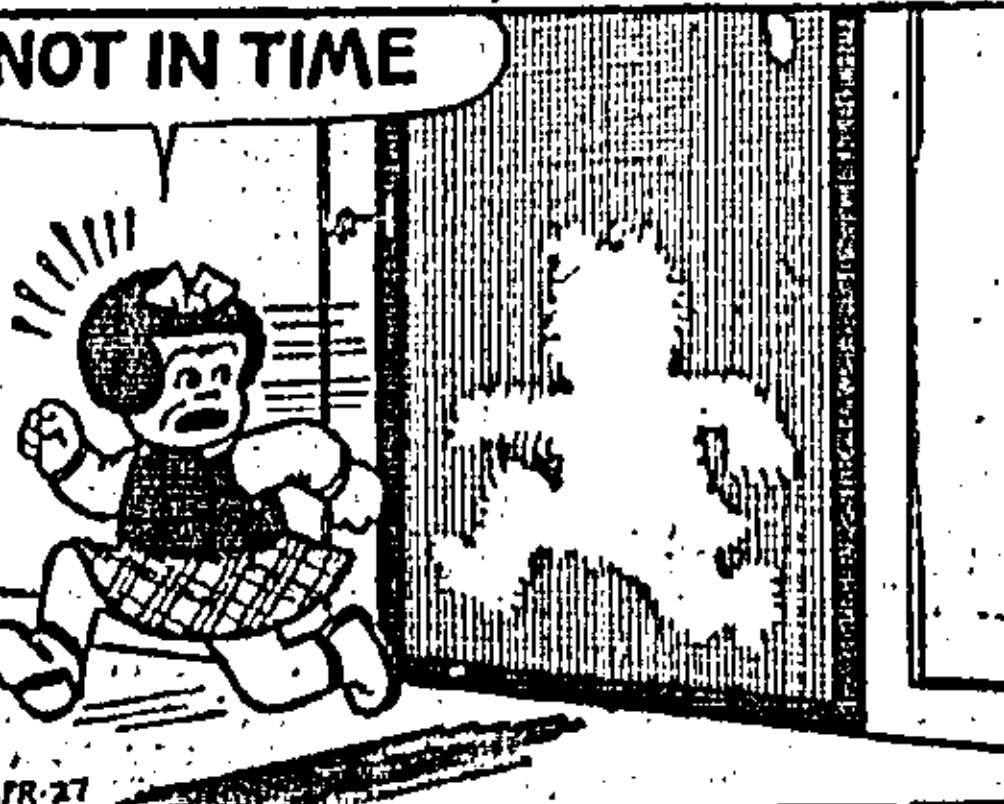
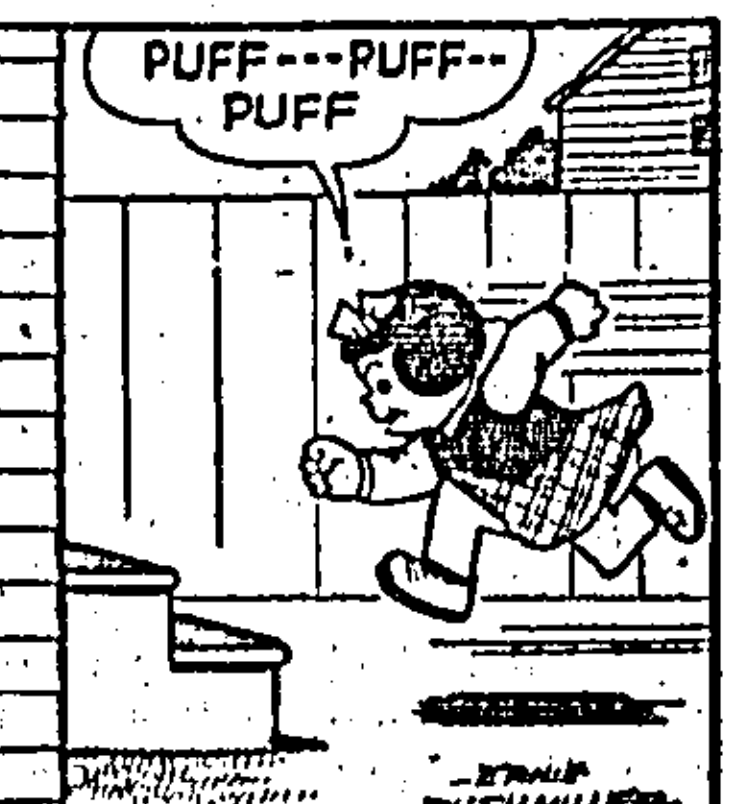
This has increased the natural tendency for each trade union to find reasons why it should not be restrained by the White Paper from seeking wages increases.

And the Trades Union Congress adjourns with nothing done on the question of restrictive practices in industry, which the Government had invited it to consider.

A year ago, Cripps gave warning that what was involved in our handling of the postwar situation in Britain was not only our economy survival, but the survival of our whole democratic way of life.

It sounded a little alarmist then. It becomes obvious now.

NANCY Whatta Mesh!



By Ernle Bushmiller

TWO STAND TRIAL FOR KIDNAPPING

The story of a robbery and kidnapping at Tai Ki Lung Village, Un Long, in the New Territories, on March 31 last, was related before Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Wong Chai, alias Wong Sau-yu, 23, unemployed, and Chan Chi-yung, alias Chan Chi-leung, alias Chung Yung, 24, a beancurd maker, appeared for trial.

Both men were charged with, forcibly taking away Chung Yung-sang, a Chinese who had returned from the United States, with the object of obtaining ransom for his liberation, and with robbing Chung and his wife, Wong Shui-kam, of money and articles of value.

Both pleaded not guilty. Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr A. S. C. Comer, appeared to present the second accused after the Crown case had opened, and while Chung Yung-sang was giving evidence.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector D. H. Taylor. The jury comprised five men and two women.

The facts of the case, as related by Mr Reynolds, were that Chung, who returned from America in September last year, was sitting at the front door of his house in Tai Ki Lung Village, where he lived with his wife and family, on March 31 about 6 a.m. when a man approached and asked if he was Mr Chung. He said he was, and the man then drew a pistol from under his jacket, pointed it at him and told him to go into the house.

HOUSE RANSACKED

At the same time, three other men appeared, and second accused was left to stand guard outside the house. After entering the house, first accused, posted himself at the door while his companions herded Chung's wife, son and the son's fiancée to a corner of the room. While one of the three guarded them, the other two ransacked the house. Some money was taken from Chung and various articles from his wife.

When the robbers were about to leave, they ordered Chung to put on his hat and coat and accompany them. When he had left the house, the first accused, who had dallied, told Chung's wife to meet him the next morning at Sheung Shui, at the same time instructing her not to make any report that her husband had been kidnapped.

The following morning, at the appointed time, the wife met first accused at the railway bridge, and Wong Chai told her he wanted to borrow 100,000 from her husband. She said she could not raise the money, and first accused then remarked he would meet her again the next morning.

In the meantime, Chung Yung-sang had been taken up to the hills, and he remained in the custody of the robbers the whole of April 1. They asked him if he did not have that much money. On April 2, however, Chung told the robbers he had some money in the Tung Shing Hong in Hongkong, and he was asked to write a letter for the money. As he was not able to write, the letter was then written for him and the note was handed to the first accused.

When Chung's wife met the first accused on April 2, detectives who had been informed of the matter and who had remained in hiding, revealed themselves and arrested Wong. He was searched, and the ransom note and stolen from Chung's house were found on him.

MAN SHOT DEAD
First accused then offered to take the police to find Chung, and led them to the hills where he pointed up a ravine. The ravine was searched and Sub-Inspector Taylor, who was in charge of the Police party, shouted to Chung to come out. There was no answer and the Inspector fired a shot into the undergrowth. After waiting for about half an hour, Chung shouted out that he was emerging and called to the police not to shoot him. Later the same day, the second accused was arrested on information.

Relating his story, Chung Yung-sang said that one of the robbers who had held him and his family up was subsequently shot dead by the police. He identified first accused in court as having participated. The trial is proceeding.

COOLIE TRIED TO DRIVE

A coolie, Ng Kwok, was fined \$150 or six weeks by Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Court this morning for driving a lorry without a valid licence and without consent of the owner on June 19. Inspector Howarth stated that accused was a coolie on the lorry, and when the driver parked the vehicle outside 170 Yee Kuk Street, Shamshuipo, he attempted to drive it. He soon lost control, and the lorry dashed on to the pavement, causing damage to a drain pipe.

Fine For Late Juror

Failing to answer his name when called to serve on a jury in a trial before Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning, N. Wallen, of Messrs Wallen and Co., was fined \$25.

Wallen, who appeared before his Lordship after the case had opened, said he had made a note to attend court but the matter had slipped his mind.

Mr Justice Gould remarked he had to impose a fine, for if he should let Wallen off, he would also have to let off others who failed to turn up.

This Morning In The Marine Court

A broker, merchant and hawker, of Swatow, and another hawker, of Fukien, appeared before Mr Caines at the Marine Court this morning, charged with unlawful boarding of the ss Kelyang.

Sub-Inspector McCarthy reported that they had been found on No. 1 Shelter Deck, and had no tickets, or permission to be on board. He added that the broker had had a previous conviction last year for a similar offence.

The broker pleaded he had gone on board to do business, the merchant went to look for a friend, and the two hawkers were offering their wares for sale. All stated that they were not trying to go to Swatow. The broker was fined \$150 or three weeks, and the others \$100 or two weeks each.

Also charged with unlawfully boarding the same vessel, was an unemployed Chinaman, who was charged that he went to see a friend who had arrived from Swatow. He was not trying to go to Swatow himself, he said. He was fined \$100 or two weeks.

EXCESS PASSENGERS

The mistress of a Class IV boat was fined \$40 or one week for carrying 20 excess passengers. She pleaded that they were workmen being conveyed to a ship, and that she needed the money. Imposing the fine, Mr Caines pointed out that the number stipulated on the licence was for the safety of the people on board. If there were an accident, probably all would be drowned.

TOWING OFFENCE

The coxswain of a steam launch was fined \$30 or six days for towing more than two vessels of over 500 piculs. Sub-Inspector McCarthy reported that defendant had been stopped when towing three large junks through the southern entrance of the Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter.

Defendant stated that at first he had been towing two junks from Yau-mai to West Point, and near the Eastern Entrance of the Shelter he had picked up the third junk which had engine trouble.

ANCHORED IN FAIRWAY

Pleading that the strong wind had swung his boat near the Fairway, the coxswain of a motor junk pleaded guilty to anchoring in the Southern Fairway. Mr Caines, imposing a fine of \$15 or three days, said that craft anchored there were a nuisance to navigation.

Letters To The Editor

The "Mona Lisa" Bridge Hand

Sir:—When a hand is published by a well-known authority and described by one of several famous hands received by bridge writers year after year, one hesitates to say that the contract supposed to be makeable is in fact not. Yet such seems to be the case with the hand so described in your issue on Saturday.

When the third spade is played and won by the 10 in dummy, South discards a heart. Declarer and plays a club. The contract will be set if North takes this with the Queen so that this trick need not be won by South. North now leads a heart on which South discards a diamond.

At this stage declarer has only one more trump and three diamonds. He takes this with the trump but must lose a diamond and a club to South. Thus the contract cannot be made.

Is it possible that this "famous hand" is supposed to be makeable only on a faulty defence?

"A Bridge Student"

Rice-\$13 Million Per Picul

Shanghai, June 21.—In spite of a ceiling price of CH\$10,000,000 per picul fixed by the municipal authorities, best grade white rice was quoted at \$13 million this morning—a new record high.

To cope with the situation, Mayor K. C. Wu was holding closed meetings with the chiefs of the Shanghai Food Committee, the Bureau of Social Affairs and the Police.

It is believed that emergency measures will be enforced beginning today to keep the price down. These measures will include raids on suspected rice hoarders and speculators.—Reuter.

CANTON GO-SLOW STRIKE OVER

Canton, June 21.—The "go slow" strike of mechanics of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, which started about a week ago, is over, according to a local report.

The dispute is reported by the Tai Kwong Pao to have been settled by the railway authorities granting the men higher wages in view of the increasingly high cost of living in Canton.—Reuter.

Child Refugees Of U.S. Floods



Dewey Favoured To Win Presidential Nomination

Philadelphia, June 20.—Governor Thomas Dewey of New York is the front running contender for the Republican Presidential nomination on the eve of the Republican national convention, but it is far from in the bag.

Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and ex-Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota are strongly in the picture.

There are yet prospects that none of them can muster the 548 convention votes needed to clinch nomination. Should they fail and the convention turn to compromise, the most likely prospect is the Senator of Michigan, even though he is considered the most reluctant member in the large dark horse field.

Mr Dewey's position as ranking contender depended principally on the fact that he almost certainly would have more votes than any other candidate when the first ballot is taken, probably on Thursday.

Senator Taft is slated to run second and Mr Stassen third on the first roll call.

CLOSE SECRET

Just how many votes each of them will draw on the first roll call is still the closely-guarded secret of the various campaign managers. None of them apparently intends to throw everything he has into the first ballot. They want to hold something in reserve for psychological effect, showing improvements on succeeding roll calls. It is important in national political conventions to show growing strength.

Each ballot any sign of slipping is almost certainly fatal.

That is the way political observers sized up the situation now that Mr Dewey, Senator Taft and Mr Stassen, and practically all the convention's 1,094 delegates have arrived on the scene.

Mr Dewey was swept into town by automobile and moved swiftly to the guarantee that there would not be any "smoke-filled room" compromise choice in the event that he does not win the nomination after one or two ballots.

DEWEY CONFIDENT

The Governor of New York told a press conference that once balloting started he wanted the convention to stay in continuous session until a candidate had been chosen. That would preclude "trades" in hotel rooms should early ballots develop a deadlock.

Mr Dewey said he was confident of winning nomination on an early ballot, but he would not predict which one.

Senator Taft, delayed by the long closing session of Congress, also arrived by automobile and held a press conference. He said he considered the Presidential contest "largely" a race between himself and Mr Dewey, and added: "I think I have a better chance of winning."

Senator Taft predicted that his first ballot vote would be "in the neighbourhood" of 300.

One of Mr Stassen's principal lieutenants, who did not want to be named, said he figured the first roll call would show 300-350 for Mr Dewey, 250-300 for Senator Taft and 175-200 for Mr Stassen.—United Press.

BERLIN HAS THE JITTERS

(Continued from Page 1)

Rumours were current in the capital today of crates containing new money being unloaded at a local airport. According to one, several large crates were brought in last night.

Another "story" said several planes in the last few days had unloaded new money. An absolute denial that any money had been sent from Frankfurt to Berlin was made today by Colonel William Grev, the United States Chief of the Foreign Liaison in the Reichsbank there, from which the Deutsche marks were distributed in the West.—Reuter.

PROPERTY TAX DRAWS PROTESTS

Shanghai, June 21.—Shanghai factory owners have voiced strong opposition to the proposed introduction of a property tax now being discussed in the Legislative Yuan.

At a special meeting over the weekend, they unanimously passed a resolution petitioning the Yuan to throw out the proposal.

Among those present at the meeting were representatives of the local Chamber of Commerce, Mr Tu Yuen, local industrial magnate and others.

Mr Tu, who presided, called attention to the increasing tax on the tax, if passed, would have an industrial and trade interest who were already finding it hard to tide themselves over numerous other difficulties.

Mr Loh Cheng-hua, a Legislative Yuan member representing the Chamber of Commerce interests who may be considered to have "led the opposition" in the Yuan debate on the tax, told the meeting that the provisions in the draft law called for a levy of a tax from five to 50 per cent on the total value of movable and immovable assets not only of wealthy individuals but also of corporations.

Enforcement of the law, Mr Loh pointed out, would not only spell ruin for industry and trade, but also produce most harmful effects on the general social stability and security.

The tax is said applicable to both Chinese and foreigners.—Reuter.

French Price Slashing Programme

Paris, June 20.—The Cabinet Council is scheduled for 9 p.m. on Monday night to begin work on the new price slashing programme.

The Socialist, second largest Party in the Schuman coalition, are urging an arbitrary ten percent cut-back on all industrial and agricultural prices similar to that put through with only very temporary success by M. Leon Blum's Socialist Government in January 1947.

The popular Republicans appeared also to favour the method and even employers' organisations have accepted a need for some action.

Meanwhile, the general belief tonight of outside pressures that cannot be foreseen at the moment, is that a third force coalition stands a pretty fair chance of holding together until October's departmental elections.

Most French newspapers, except those of the extreme Left, interpreted the workers' halfhearted response to the general strike called yesterday as an indication that the Communists could not at present launch a full scale nationwide stoppage or even a series of generalized stoppages like those of November and December.

At the most they probably could harass Government's recovery efforts by limited local strikes.—United Press.

bedtime stories to these little refugees of the Vantport flood as they are housed in a church in Portland, Ore., along with their families. Left to right: Carroll Howard, 5; and sisters, Patricia, 4; Marie, 6.—AP Picture.

In Search Of Popular Budget

S. African Cabinet's First Task

Johannesburg, June 20.—Consideration of the budget will be one of the first tasks of the new South African Parliament when it assembles on August 6.

Its first meeting has been delayed until this date to enable Mr N. C. Havenga, the Minister of Finance, to prepare a new draft of what the Government considers essential at this stage—a first popular budget.

In his task, he will be helped by a surplus of £5,000,000 left by the United Party Government.

The draft which Mr Havenga's predecessor, Mr F. C. Sturrock, intended to introduce in August, is likely to be considerably changed, according to the political correspondent of the "Rand Daily Mail."

But Mr Havenga is expected to implement the assurance given by the United Party Government that old age and other pensions will be increased at a total cost of £2,500,000.

IMPORT CONTROL

Other matters include a plan for the reimpementation of import control, the Union's decreased gold reserves, and the urgent need to devote the country's limited dollar holdings to the acquisition of essential imports.

The general consensus of opinion here is that the first session of the new Parliament will be short—probably only about 10 weeks, during which legislation of an immediate urgency will be dealt with.

Other business will probably include a bill, drawn up by the United Party Government, for the control of the Union's uranium resources.

The Government may also decide to proceed with a bill conferring the double nationality on citizens of the Commonwealth, similar to the proposals laid before the British Parliament.

AFRIKANDER BROEDERBOND
A highly controversial matter expected to be dealt with by the new Government during the coming session will be the status of the Afrikaner Broederbond—members of which are banned from public service under the existing emergency regulations.

The Transvaal Nationalist newspaper, Die Transvaler, declares that something will have to be done about these regulations, and says some of them will have to be incorporated as permanent legislation with others, such as the banning membership of the Broederbond and the Ossowabranding will have to lapse.

In addition to putting into effect measures to slow up the present rate of immigration into the Union, Dr T. E. Donner, the Minister of the Interior, and of Posts and Telegraphs, is expected to go into the question of implementing a report laid on the table at the end of the last session of Parliament.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

MONDAY, JUNE 21
Closing Times By Air
Hollow, Swatow & Fouchow, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Lanchow, Kuming & Amoy 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kowloon (Sea) 5 p.m.
Canton (Parcels & 2nd Class Mail) (Sea) 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
Closing Times By Air
Canton (Kowloon C.P.O.) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.20 p.m., 2 p.m.; (G.P.O.) 7 a.m., 8.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai 9 a.m. (reg.); 9.30 a.m. (ord.); Swatow, Amoy, Tientsin, Fouchow, Nanking, Hankow, Peking, Lanchow, Kuming & Amoy 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao (Sea) 4 p.m.
Manila (Sea) 5 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.

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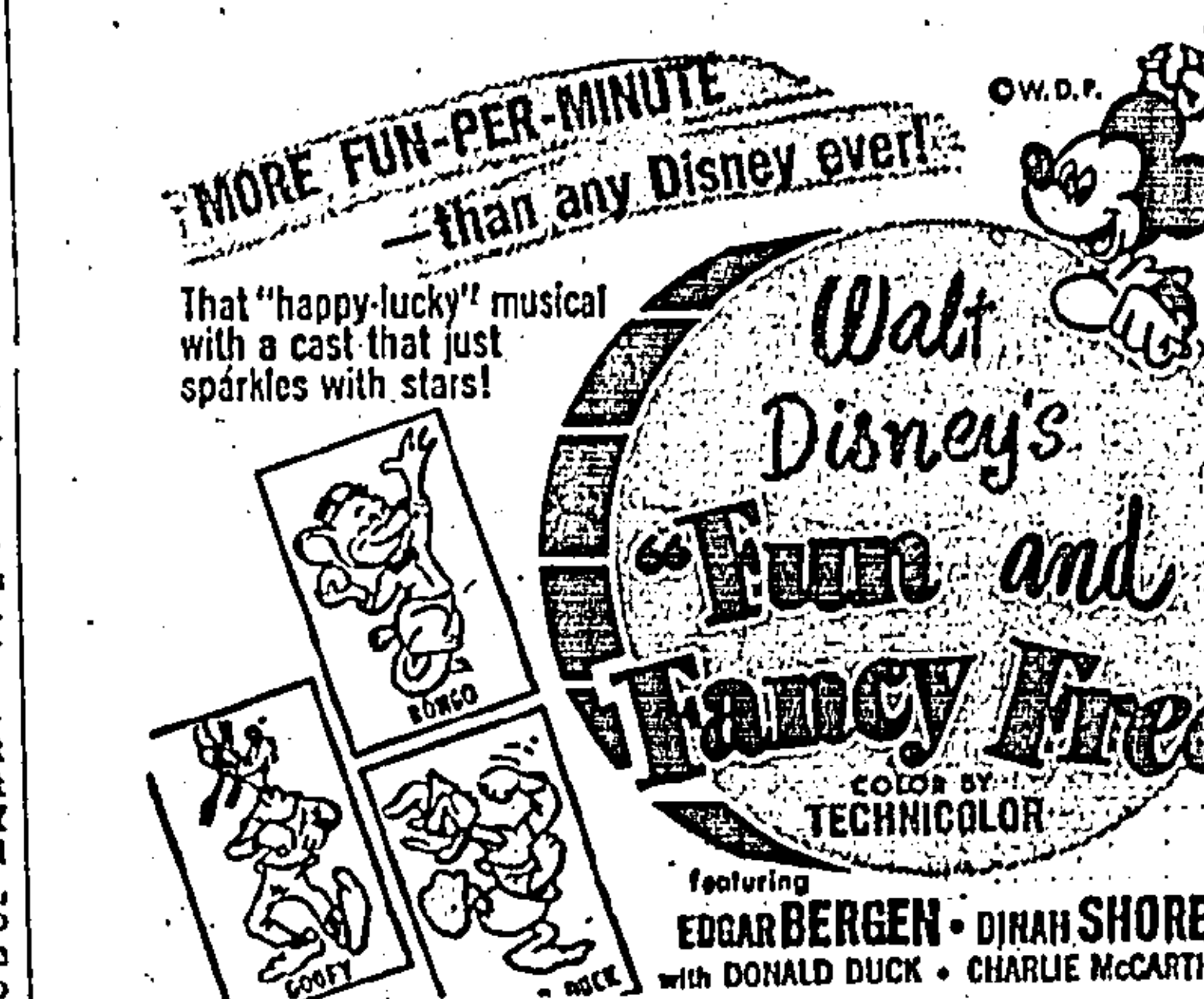
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HONGKONG LOSE TO SINGAPORE CIVILIANS BY EIGHT WICKET MARGIN

J. M. Gosano Impresses

Hongkong's batsmen again failed to master Singapore's varied attack and were all out for 91 runs, three better than in their first innings, leaving Singapore 45 runs to make for victory which they put up for the loss of only two wickets.

The end came at 3.25 p.m. Sq/Ldr. A. D. Pantan and M. M. Little again opened for Hongkong, the opening pair being parted for one run on the board. It was Pantan who was out for a "duck" this time, off the fifth ball of the first over which was the beginning of a queue of "leg before" victims.

Singapore's spin bowlers Collings and Alec Goswami, both in top form, subdued the visitors and only Gosano, who was good but uncertain yesterday, played the bowlers with any verve. His knock for 35 included three boundaries.

Little scored 21 in an innings of dogged determination but the rest collapsed like ears of corn. Hongkong's wicket-keeper Gosano was brilliant in the second innings. His catch dismissing Ong Lee was a masterpiece of anticipation.

The first three batsmen and Little, the best performer yesterday, were all out to "leg before" appeals. Singapore's bowling did not vary through different bowlers were used. The balls that dismissed Hongkong's bats were of good length, pitched on the off stump but not turning.

HONGKONG OUTCLASSED

Bad vision may have had something to do with Hongkong's collapse but, in general, there was no doubt here that Hongkong was outclassed.

Skipper H. Own-Hughes, who yesterday shaped like a Singapore cricketer, was out today to a "crab" shot to silly mid-off.

Running between wickets was also bad. After Little and Gosano only Howarth showed any real strokes. He seemed conscious that the fate of Hongkong rested on his shoulders. His stroke to square leg that gave a catch to Thurair Singham was the half-hearted shot of a man with a load of troubles.

It bespoke defeat. The innings ended 35 minutes after lunch without the slightest shade of defiance from the tail who had nothing to lose but their wickets.

Singapore batsmen treated Hongkong's opening bowlers with scant respect but scored slowly. They seemed careless. Apart from one late cut by Thiam Slew off Stepto which sped to the boundary like a thunderbolt there were no other exciting strokes today.

Robbie Lee bowled as first change and sent down three light, determined overs, taking Ong Lee's wicket by a grand Gosano catch for one run. He bowled two maidens but had no chance.

Singapore's leisurely scuffle to victory with 46 for two wickets was holiday cricket with bones of reputations broken though much

THE SCOREBOARD

Hongkong, 2nd Innings:	
M. M. Little, lbw, b. Colling	21
A. D. Pantan, lbw, b. Colling	0
T. A. Pearce, lbw, b. Kallaspahy	4
J. M. Hope, b. Colling	4
H. Own-Hughes, c. Kallaspahy, b. Goswami	3
J. M. Gosano, run out	35
L. D. Kilbee, lbw, b. Goswami	1
F. Howarth, c. Thurair Singham, b. Goswami	0
R. E. Lee, b. Jagger	0
F. R. Zimmer, b. Ngah	0
A. Stepto, not out	0
Extras	0
Total	91

BOWLING

O.	M.	R.	W.
Nagiah	4.3	0	12
Colling	15	4	23
Kallaspahy	9	1	12
Goswami	9	1	25
Jagger	4	1	11

Singapore, 2nd Innings:

Thurair Singham, run out	3
Khoo Ong-lee, c. Gosano, b. Lee	12
Cheong Thiam-slew, not out	20
Ross, not out	10
Extras	0
Total (for 2 wks)	46

BOWLING:

O.	M.	R.	W.
Stepto	7	1	25
Howarth	7	1	10
Lee	3	2	1

keener competition had been expected from Hongkong.

The visitors obviously lacked match practice and we couldn't make an estimate of their true ability. They play the Combined Services the next two days and then at Kuala Lumpur in a two-day game against Selangor. By the end of the tour—we expect to see their true form.

MYSTIFIED

The Hongkong players are agreed that the Singapore wicket is the best they have ever played on but are mystified that it gave no assistance to the spin-bowling. Gosano impressed as a fine cricketer and lost his wicket recklessly in both innings. To-day a slight injury resulted in an acrobatic wicket-keeping display and yesterday he used a runner. Confusion over a call for a run led to his downfall.

A Singapore player stated that the Hongkong team were better cricketers than the scores would indicate but that their batting was altogether too "tentative." Associated Press.

BURMESE BOXERS FOR OLYMPICS

London, June 20.—The Olympic Association of Burma has selected Myo Thant, flyweight and Saw Hardy, bantamweight, to represent Burma at the Olympic Boxing tournament in London. The team will leave Burma by air on July 5.—United Press.

Sports Associations Battle Television

London, June 20.—The battle for television sports events reached new heights when the British Broadcasting Corporation failed to get permission to televise the Derby. The main reason for the BBC's inability to obtain sanction was that the Epsom Grand Stand Association, which runs the Derby, is one of the leading bodies belonging to the Association for the Protection of Copyright in Sport, formed in the earliest days of television to protect sporting interests.

Both in the United States and in Britain there are many sporting associations fearful of the harm which television may do to their gate money, but it is doubted whether much damage will be done to attendances.

Football officials are among those believing that television is harmful to their interests for they have again decided to ban television of matches, generally making only special exceptions in the case of the cup final and international.

On the other hand, most of the popular events during the summer will be televised, including the Olympic games, the Test matches and the Wimbledon tennis championships.—Reuter.

MCKENLEY RUNS 440 IN 46 FLAT



Herb McKenley hits the tape at Berkeley, Calif., to better the world's record of 46.3 seconds in the 440-yard event of the Pacific Association track and field meet. McKenley was clocked in doing the "impossible" by running the distance in 46 seconds flat. Finishing second is Ollie Matson, San Francisco high school star, who made it in 47.1.—AP Wirephoto.

A Preview Of The Olympic 400 Metres

By "RECORDER"

The Associated Press Wirephoto above shows as good a preview of the Olympic 400 metres at London as we may get.

It shows, barring a sensational upset, not only the winner but the runner-up as well.

America has found a schoolboy to pit against Australia's schoolboy Morris Curtoth. Matson's 47.1 seconds is the second fastest time over the quarter-mile in two years. The field behind Matson, which includes in the picture Stanford's Larry Hoff and California's Jim Lytle, is likely to make the berths for the 1,600 metres relay. The standard of quarter-miling in the United States this year has not been low, with some 20 runners under 49 seconds, but the class quarter-milers did not compare with the 1940-41 lot.

Mexican Horses Win Grand Prix

Lucerne, Switzerland, June 20.—The Mexican horses Fobiano and Chihuahua today won the coveted Grand Prix of Lucerne in the final competition of the International Horse Show.

Third was Lissey, ridden by Baroness Rohonczy of Switzerland, the only woman rider in the week's competition.

In jumping 12 obstacles up to 1.30 metres in height over a course of 0.57 metres, British and United States horses proved fastest. Captain John Russell, USA and his mount, Blue Devil, turned in a flawless performance in one minute 20.6 seconds. Second was Continental, ridden by Lt. Col. A. B. Scott, Britain, in one minute 37.4 seconds.

Thirty-five horses competed in this event.—Associated Press.

Rideo Wins French Grand National

Paris, June 20.—Taking the lead in the straight and holding off a determined challenge from the 7-to-4 against favourite, Point Bleu, M. Sion's six-year old, Rideo (Deiri out of Olympiad) today won the 2,000,000 francs (£2,825) Grand Steeplechase de Paris (the French Grand National) over four miles 110 yards at Auteuil.

Rideo, carrying 10 stone one pound, and ridden by Robert Bates, won by two and a half lengths from M. Andrei Lombard's Ave-year old Point Bleu, whose jockey, Fernand Thirion, lodged an objection against the winner. It was overruled.

M. Chastenet's five-year old Mateo, carrying nine stone 11 pound, the same as Point Bleu, was a further two lengths behind third of nine runners.

The pari-mutuel dividends (to a 10-franc stake) were: for a win 92 francs. Places 21 francs, 16 francs and 28 francs.

Jean Stern's seven-year Lindoi, winner of the race in 1946 and 1947, fell after trailing last for half the distance.—Reuter.

POLISH DERBY

Warsaw, June 20.—A crowd of 30,000, the largest in Poland post-war history, saw the horse Ruch win the 500,000 zlotys Polish derby in the nearby Suvovice racetrack today.—Associated Press.

SOCCER INTERNATIONALS

Dutch Beat British Olympic Probables

Amsterdam, June 20.—A Dutch selected team defeated Great Britain's probable Olympic football side by two goals to one in the Olympic Stadium here today. The score was one-all at halftime. The match, watched by a capacity crowd of 65,000 formed part of the "Olympic Day" Sporting Festival, from which Holland will obtain the funds with which to send her Olympic Games team to London.

The Dutch outside-right Cor Van Der Tuyn, scored in the 13th minute, and Britain's goal came from outside-left L. Joseph. In the second half the British team attacked harder but in the 40th minute Dutch centre forward A. Roosenburg headed in the winning goal.—Reuter and Associated Press.

SWISS-SPANISH DRAW

Zurich, June 20.—In an international soccer match played here today, Switzerland drew with Spain, each side scoring three times.

The game was played in perfect weather and the ground was rather wet and soggy after two days of rain which stopped on Sunday morning. Both the Swiss and Spanish teams agreed to a special rule during the whole match in which the goalkeeper and one player may be substituted in case of injury.

Spain took the initiative from the beginning, attacking furiously and gaining a corner kick after one minute of play and in the seventh minute Spain's centre-forward Parino culminated the team's second offensive by scoring.

In the 10th minute, Munoz of Spain increased the lead to two all. Meanwhile the Swiss team slowly recovered and brought the play over to the Spanish half.

LEAD REDUCED
The home team reduced the Spanish lead in the 17th minute. Then Tamini broke through the Spanish defence in a solo attack and shot and Spain's goalie in trying to save crashed against Switzerland's Curta and the ball rolled into the net.

In the second half, the Madrid team had a slight wind advantage. The Swiss, however, succeeded in equalising in the 15th minute of play.

Spain regained the lead in the 22nd minute, when Tamini shot the ball backword from the Swiss goal area to Munoz who scored. In the 25th minute, Switzerland missed a chance of equalising, but one minute later Antonini made the figures three against three by a short shot in the corner far out of the reach of the Spanish goalie.—United Press.

FOOTBALL CLUBS BUSY

London, June 20.—While the thoughts of most British sportsmen are now centred on the summer pastime, football clubs all over the country are busy preparing for the new season which opens on August 21.

Already, close season transfers number well over 100, the largest signing so far being credited to the Cup Finalists, Blackpool, who paid Grimsby Town £21,000 for Willie Wardie, inside left or left winger. This, however, is likely to be topped if Wilf Mannion, England and Middlesbrough inside forward, is granted his request for a transfer.

MARATHON TRIAL

Stockholm, June 20.—In Olympic tryouts at Sodertalje today, Gustav Oestling won the marathon race in bad weather in two hours 38 minutes 22.2 seconds. Second was Anders Molin.—Associated Press.

ITALIAN CYCLISTS WIN

Milan, June 20.—Italy took first place today in a pre-Olympic cycling contest against France, Switzerland and Austria.—Associated Press.

England's Team for Lord's Test Named

London, June 20.—England's team to play Australia in the second cricket Test beginning at Lords on June 24 will be chosen from the following thirteen:

N. Yardley (Yorkshire) captain, W. Edrich, D. Compton (Middlesex), J. Hardstaff (Nottinghamshire), L. Hutton (Yorkshire), C. Washbrook (Lancashire), H. Dollery (Warwickshire), Alec Belder (Surrey), D. Wright (Kent), T. Evans (Kent), J. Laker (Surrey), J. Young (Middlesex) and A. Coxon (Yorkshire).

Bedser, Edrich being employed in short spells. Coxon, who moves the ball either way, has been displaying fine all-round form this season, and yesterday claimed four for 66 against the Australians at Sheffield. He has taken 32 wickets this summer in first-class matches and scored 307 runs, including 83 against Nottinghamshire last week.—Reuter.

Both the England and Australian teams will have net practice at Lords on Wednesday.

The final selection of England's team will depend on the state of the weather and pitch, but if Douglas Wright has no recurrence of the lumbago which prevented him from playing at Nottingham, a place is likely to be found for him. In that case, either Laker or Young may stand down.—Reuter.

Bowlers' Day On The Windsor Wicket

Windsor, June 20.—The Royal Household team today whipped the Duke of Edinburgh's cricket team. The Duke got 13 runs before he was caught and bowled by F. White, a clerk at Buckingham Palace.

The match was played at the King's private cricket ground here. The Royal Household got 73 runs and the Duke's team 56 runs.—United Press.

Warwickshire captain, made his Test debut against South Africa in the first Test last summer.

Weakness in England's attack at Nottingham has no doubt influenced the Selection Committee in their choice of Coxon, who may well share the main fast bowling with

A BIG JOB OF PEN-PUSHING

London, June 20.—Don Bradman, the Australian cricket captain, this evening completed one of the biggest autographing jobs of his career with the signing of 3,500 cricket bats which are to be sent to Australia this week.

The bats are part of a consignment of 7,500 for Australia and over 2,000 for South Africa, all bearing Bradman's personal signature. The value of the bats to Britain's export market is between £15,000 and £20,000.

Bradman started work at 9.30 this morning at a sports goods factory which makes the Don Bradman bats. Using an ordinary fountain pen, he dealt with an average of 450 bats an hour.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET STANDINGS

London, June 21.—Although Glamorgan and Derbyshire have useful leads in the County cricket championship table, it is still anybody's title.

Points dropping lapses by Middlesex and last year's runners-up, Gloucestershire, the consistency of Gloucestershire and Derbyshire, together with the much improved form shown by Yorkshire, Essex and Warwickshire, have put the County championship in the melting pot.

No side among the 17 counties in the championship can boast of an unbeaten record.—Reuter.

	P	W	L	D	No Dec	1st Inn	2nd Inn	Pts
Glamorgan (9)	9	7	1	1	0	0	0	84
Derby (5)	9	6	1	2	0	0	2	80
Warwick (15)	10	5	1	4	0	0	1	84
Yorkshire (8)	8	4	2	2	0	2	0	56
Middlesex (10)	10	4	1	5	0	0	1	42
Surrey (6)	8	4	2	2	0	0	1	48
Lancashire (3)	20	2	3	0	0	0	0	48
Gloucester (2)	10	3	3	4	0	0	3	48
Essex (11)	7	2	4	1	0	2	0	38
Kent (4)	8	3	4	1	0	0	0	36
Warcester (7)	11	2	4	4	1	0	3	30
Notts (12)	7	2	3	2	0	2	3	34
Hampshire (10)	7	2	2	2	1	1	0	28
Leicester (14)	8	1	4	3	0	1	2	24
Somerset (13)	8	1	5	2	0	2	0	20
Northants (17)	9	1	4	4	0	0	1	10
Sussex (10)	8	0	5	3	0	0	1	4

* Match tied. Figures in brackets after counties indicate final standing last season.

County Cricket Averages

The leading six English first class batting averages are:

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Washbrook (Lancashire)	15	2	1,000	260	77.01
J. Crapp (Gloucestershire)	17	3	904	127	64.57
D. Compton (Middlesex)	20	2	1,150	252	64.33
L. Hutton (Yorkshire)	10	2	878	170	62.40
H. Dollery (Warwickshire)	19	3	934	167	62.37
W. Jones (Glamorgan)	17	1	934	212	62.37

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Gladwin (Derbyshire)	320.2	38	661	69	12.47
J. Wardle (Yorkshire)	448	108	916	69	13.25
T. Pritchard (Warwickshire)	408.5	88	1,068	68	15.70
G. Dope (Derbyshire)	324.4	80	743	47	15.80
L. Muncey (Glamorgan)	480.4	150	1,014	60	16.90
V. Jackson (Leicestershire)	365	134	688	39	17.64

* Not out. The leading six bowlers are:

—Reuter

Louis In For A Surprise?

Grenloch, New Jersey, June 20.—Supporters of Jersey Joe Walcott at this converted amusement park where the challenger is training predicted today that champion Joe Louis is in for the surprise of his life on Wednesday night in the Yankee Stadium, New York.

But sportswriters from all parts of this country as well as Britain and Australia generally agreed, as they watched Walcott training, that "he would not do that with Louis in there."

The remark was prompted by the fact that Jersey Joe was obviously just rehearsing moves and not being too careful.

And secondly, many of the writers have a regard for Louis that amounts almost to reverence and even those who think he will lose keep looking for indications that he might win.

The 34-year-old challenger now weighs 197 pounds as compared to 194½ on December 5 when he lost a hotly disputed decision for the championship.

At Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, Louis weighed 215½ pounds before a workout and appeared in excellent spirits.—Associated Press.

Barnett v. Sequeira

Here is the game score of last Thursday night's ninth round encounter between K. M. A. Barnett and F. X. Sequeira in the final of the Colony Open Chess Championship: K. M. A. Barnett F. X. Sequeira Queen's Gambit Declined:

Lasker Defence			
1. P-Q4	P-Q4		
2. P-QB4	N-KB3		
3. N-QB3	P-K3		
4. B-N5	P-K2		
5. P-K3	N-K5		
6. B x B	Q x B		
7. N x N	P x N		
8. P-QR3	O-O		
9. N-Q2	N-Q2		
10. Q-B2	P-KB4		
11. P-QN3	P-QN3		
12. N-B3	P-B2		
13. B-Q3	P-QB4		
14. O-O-O	P-B3		
15. B-B1	P x P		
16. P x P	KR-B1		
17. P-N3	Q x P ch		
18. P-QN3	P x P		
19. K x Q	P-QR3		
20. N-N2	Q-Q1		
21. KR-K1	N-B3		
22. B-B1	N-Q3		
23. P-R3	QR-Q1		
24. P-Q2	P-B2		
25. KR-Q1	P-N2		
26. B-B2	P-K2		
27. P-QN4	P x P		
28. P-B5	P x P		
29. QP x P	R x R ch		
30. R x R	R x R ch		
31. K x R	N-Q4		
32. P-N5	P x P		
33. B x P	N-N5		
34. N-R4	B-B3		
35. B x B	N x B		
36. K-K3	P x P ch		
37. P-N4	K-K3		
38. P x P	P x P		
39. N-B3 ch	N-N5		
40. N x P	N-Q4 ch		
41. K-B3	P x P ch		
42. K x P	N-B3 ch		
43. K-B3	K-Q4		
44. K-N3	K x P		
45. P-B4	P-K3		
46. P-B4	K-K3		
47. K-N3	K-Q5		
48. K-B2	K-Q6		
49. K-K1	K-K6		

AIR RAID SIRENS GREET DE GAULLE SPEECH

NATIONAL STRIKE AVERTED

Brussels, June 20.—The threat of a general nationwide strike in all industries was temporarily averted tonight.

In an extraordinary meeting, the Congress of Belgian Federation of Labour dropped the matter from the resolution at the request of representatives from the striking metal workers union.

One delegate said the metal workers were given to understand that they would obtain satisfaction in the course of tomorrow's negotiations.

The Congress resolution called among other minor points, for a minimum hourly wage equivalent to 33 American cents in all parts of industry and calling off of civil mobilisation, adopted by 600,501 votes against 121,210. There were 187,216 abstentions.

It will be recalled that the Government invoked the civil mobilisation law during last February's wave of strikes. The Government mobilised the striking workers and forced them back on the jobs. This was made possible by a wartime decree proclaiming Belgium in "a state of emergency."

Earlier today, M. Henri Spaak told United Press that the end of the metal workers' strike "certainly would not come tomorrow," but the Minister of Labour, Leon Troclet said: "We hope that the workers will be back on their jobs by Tuesday morning. Nothing is definite but great progress had been made today."—United Press.

JEW'S LOSE HEAVILY

Cairo, June 20.—An Egyptian newspaper said tonight 6,500 Jews were killed in the Palestine war between May 15, when the British mandate ended, and June 11 when the United Nations truce was declared.

The paper, Al Assas, said 6,000 Zionists were taken prisoner by the Arab armies during the same period. Al Assas is the organ of Prime Minister Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha's Sanadist Party.

The paper said the number of Jewish dead might actually be higher. It said Jewish forces take their dead with them when they withdraw. The number of killed counted, the paper added, included only those actually left behind on the battlefield.—Associated Press.

Farm Bill Means Lower Prices

Washington, June 20.—Congress early today passed the compromise farm bill which should mean lower prices to the nation's consumers after January 1, 1950.

The measure was finally adopted at 4 a.m. by weary Senate-House conferees. It would put the House version into effect for one year, beginning next January 1. The Senate's long-range farm bill would then become law.

The compromise establishes a new lower price support system plus a new, modernized parity system.

Controversial Senate provisions to reorganise Government agencies dealing with farm issues were dropped.—United Press.

Royal Birth Date

London, June 20.—The Sunday Pictorial today reported that Princess Elizabeth has been told by physicians that her baby probably will be born on October 16.—United Press.

Nationalisation Of Schools Brings Outspoken Protest

Budapest, June 20.—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty protested the Government nationalisation of Church schools today and declared the Church will never cease in its efforts to reclaim control of its education.

A Pastoral letter signed by Cardinal Mindszenty and 15 bishops was read in all Catholic churches throughout Hungary.

The letter said: "We solemnly protest against this action in the name of human rights of parents, in the name of the Churches' right for education and in the name of right and freedom of education."

"We can never give up our right and we shall never cease to claim it back through legal means."

Catholic leaders declared that the Government had broken its promises to settle the issue amicably and asserted that the people had not been given an opportunity to voice their opinions.

The reading of the letter was prefaced with a request to followers to "express no opinion or feeling" after hearing the message.

"In this note we protested against the action taken by the Government because although Government several times promised to settle all questions between the Church and State on a basis of mutual agreement, on the question of schools, the Government declared this

Big Crowd Howls At Interruption

Verdun, June 20.—All the air-raid sirens in Verdun, the heroic fortress town of the first World War, screeched for 10 minutes as General Charles de Gaulle was about to begin a speech commemorating the 32nd anniversary of the 1916 victory, which proved the turning point of the campaign.

Angry cries of "sabotage" and shouts of "Power for de Gaulle" came from the crowd of 20,000 people massed at the foot of the great memorial outside the city where General de Gaulle was to speak.

Paper Urges New Job For Mountbatten

Should Be Sent To Singapore

London, June 20.—Lord Mountbatten should be sent to Singapore to handle the outbreak of lawlessness in Malaya, a Sunday Chronicle article by Mr George Bishop stated today.

"Today, the jungle politicians and professional murderers—they are all the same—are openly busy with the Stalin paint pot, daubing South East Asia bright red," the article stated.

"They are endeavouring to smear the countries still in the Empire or recently 'liberated' by our Socialist Government with theories that can only be tagged 'Made in Moscow.' And day by day more British blood is spilled."

The article referred to a book "The Malayan Peoples' United Front," published after Communists from all parts of Asia had met in Harbin, Manchuria, towards the end of 1947.

PRESTIGE HIGH

This book, it said, appeared with the knowledge of the British Government.

"It told Asiatics 'not to be squeamish about the legal way of doing things' and its sentiments were now being put into practice."

After stating that the High Commissioner, Sir Edward Gent, could not enforce the death penalty because he has not enough men, the article concluded: "There is one man who can handle this situation—Earl Mountbatten. He is respected in Malaya and his prestige is high elsewhere in South East Asia."

"He leaves India on Tuesday. If he can be persuaded to return to his old headquarters at the Cathay skyscraper in Singapore, South East Asia can be saved."

"If not, there is little hope for the future of Europeans there, be they British, Dutch or French."—Reuter.

AMPHIBIOUS JEEP MISSING

New York, June 20.—Two Army bombers were beginning a search today for the amphibious jeep in Perth, Australia, and his American wife are trying to sail to the Azores on the first leg of their proposed round-the-world trip.

Although the craft is fitted with a shortwave radio, no message has been received from them since they left New York Harbour last Wednesday. If the bombers fail to sight them today, the Coastguard will begin a full-scale search by air and sea.—Reuter.

Police rushed to the Cathedral on the towers of which the sirens were placed. They searched for saboteurs, even behind the altar and in the Confessional boxes, but found none.

Finally they found the wires linking the sirens with the control in the barracks of the Verdun Fire Brigade.

When the sirens were silenced, General de Gaulle said: "It is easy to interfere with our public demonstrations, but it is impossible to stop them. This kind of thing will only reinforce the strength of the Rally of the French People" (General de Gaulle's national organisation).

DESTINY THREATENED. General de Gaulle declared that France felt her destiny was once again gravely threatened. He referred to the "illusions of our British and American Allies" with regard to Germany, and called again for a reform of the French State.

He referred to the "great role" played by Marshal Petain in the historic battle of Verdun in 1916, and many observers saw in this the beginning of a campaign to heal the breach between the Gaullists and former supporters of Petain's Vichy regime.

"The circumstances are such that I must recall the errors committed (after our victory in the first world war)" the general said.

"The doubts a tired France felt about herself, combined with the illusions of our British and American Allies, resulted in the revival and rearmament of German imperialism."

"Our foreign policy was linked, although with groaning, to the shortsighted attitudes on the other side of the Channel."

"Thus it came about that a great chief of the Great War (Marshal Petain) was carried away under the weight of old age, by the current of successive surrenders."

DOMINATING INSTRUMENT. "Today, France senses that her destiny is once more gravely threatened. Internally, economic and social disorder favours those who want to make of poverty the platform of their dictatorship."

Externally, two-thirds of Europe and a big part of Asia are under the law of Soviet Russia, and constitute a colossal instrument of domination, more especially if the ambition of a revived German Reich sooner or later linked up with it.

"At this moment, we see an inadequate public authority, speaking in the name of a contemptible Parliamentary majority, which everybody knows only represents a weak minority in the country, risking the whole destiny of France by its attitude to Germany."—Reuter.

TONY MARTIN'S TRIUMPH

London, June 20.—Hoarse and fagged out by nearly two solid hours of singing, American crooner Tony Martin bade farewell to British fans at the London Palladium Theatre on Saturday night—certainly another of the smash American vaudeville hits on the London stage this year.

Tony practically tripled his normal playing time singing two dozen songs and took at least half that many curtain calls.

"I have never had such a good reception anywhere," he gasped, after it was all over.—Associated Press.

Newsmen's Food Stolen

Jerusalem, June 20.—Food left by the British army for British journalists and civilian residents, was stolen over the weekend by armed Jews.

The food was stored in an unguarded house prior to distribution. It was taken over by the Jews who drove up in a lorry and passed a Jewish road checkpoint by giving the correct password.

One ton of canned goods was taken, leaving correspondents very annoyed.—Associated Press.

121 Ships Held Up

London, June 20.—The Cabinet, when it meets tomorrow, may discuss measures to deal with the week-old London dockers' strike in which 15,000 men have stopped work. But any measure to use troops to unload ships will rest with the Minister of Food, Mr John Strachey, who would have to apply to the Ministry of Labour and the War Office.

The strike has held up cargoes, including perishable food stuffs estimated to be worth £15,000,000 and 121 ships of many nationalities lie idle along the docks.—Reuter.



"I'm sick of this place—mind if I come with you?"

Cancer May Beat Prison Sentence

Milan, June 20.—Vivian Homer, 35-year-old Texan smiled and drew a thanks to a Genoa judge who sentenced him to two and a half years imprisonment today.

"You are a little optimistic," Homer told the judge. "But thanks for the good wishes anyway."

The judge regarded him compassionately. He knew that a far more severe sentence had been passed on him four months ago by a Houston, Texas, doctor.

Until February, Homer had been a diligent and meticulous clerk at the North American Insurance Company, Houston. One morning two days after his 35th birthday, Homer fainted at his desk. He visited a doctor who told him his throat cancer would kill him in six months.

WORTHLESS CHEQUES

Leaving the doctor's office in a daze he stopped in front of a show window behind which was a beautiful new automobile. He saw his reflection in the shiny chrome and the doctor's sentence grated. Homer returned to his office, drew a cheque book and left Houston. He scattered cheques over the United States and called for Europe where he continued cheque cashing and high living on a few wretched cheques on the bank of Sicily which brought him to the Genoa criminal court.

The sentence of two and a half years did not bother Homer for it might as well be 200 years or 2,000 years. He didn't think he would serve much of it.—United Press.

Court-Martial For Trigger-Happy Turks

Ankara, June 20.—The Turkish Army announced today that the personnel responsible for opening anti-aircraft fire against the American Dakota transport over the Dardanelles last Thursday would be court-martialed.

The Turkish batteries opened fire on the plane which was on an inspection flight of Turkish training centres. It was hit by one dud shell which slightly damaged the starboard wing. It landed safely at the Tuna airfield at Balikesir. Officials said that poor communications prevented the anti-aircraft from being notified of the plane's flight.

The Dakota was piloted by Colonel James Fergusson, Chief of the Air Force training programme and official of the American Aid Mission to Turkey. Other aboard were the co-pilot, Major Gardner, Sergeant Tucker and a Turkish Colonel named Shahap.—United Press.

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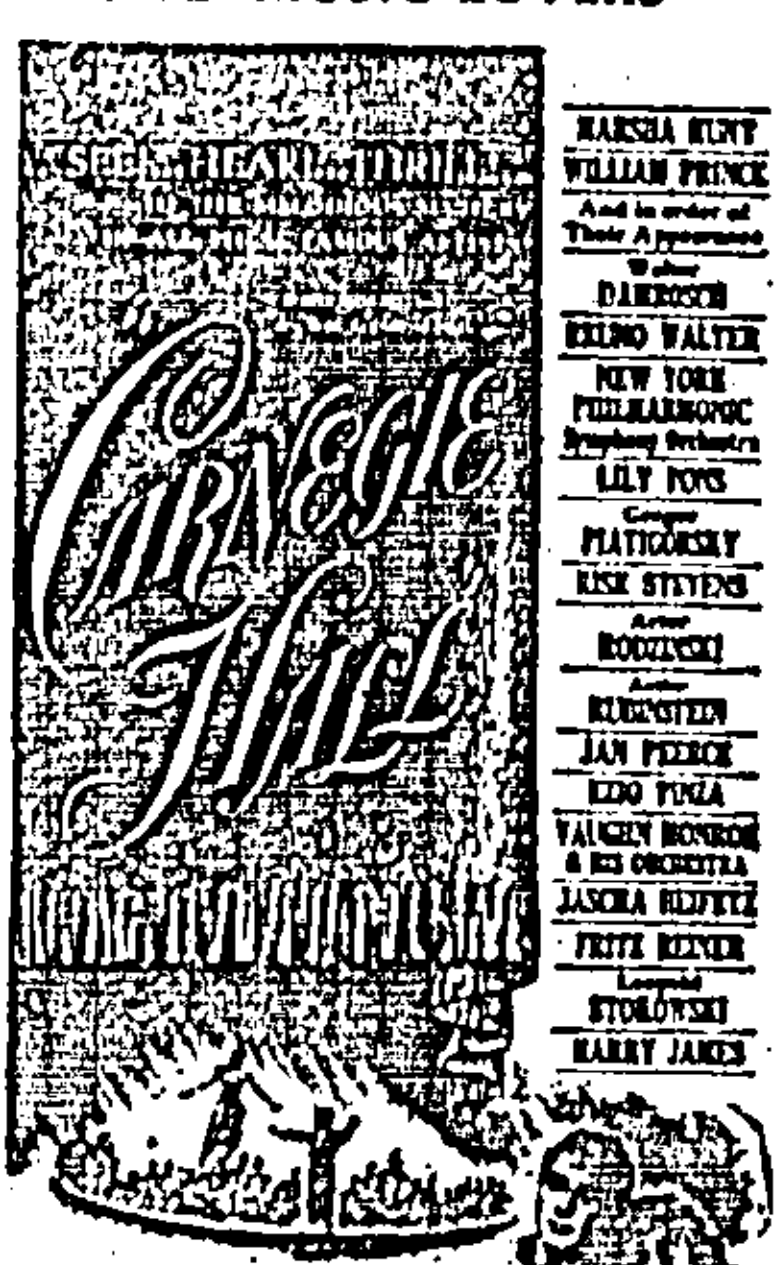
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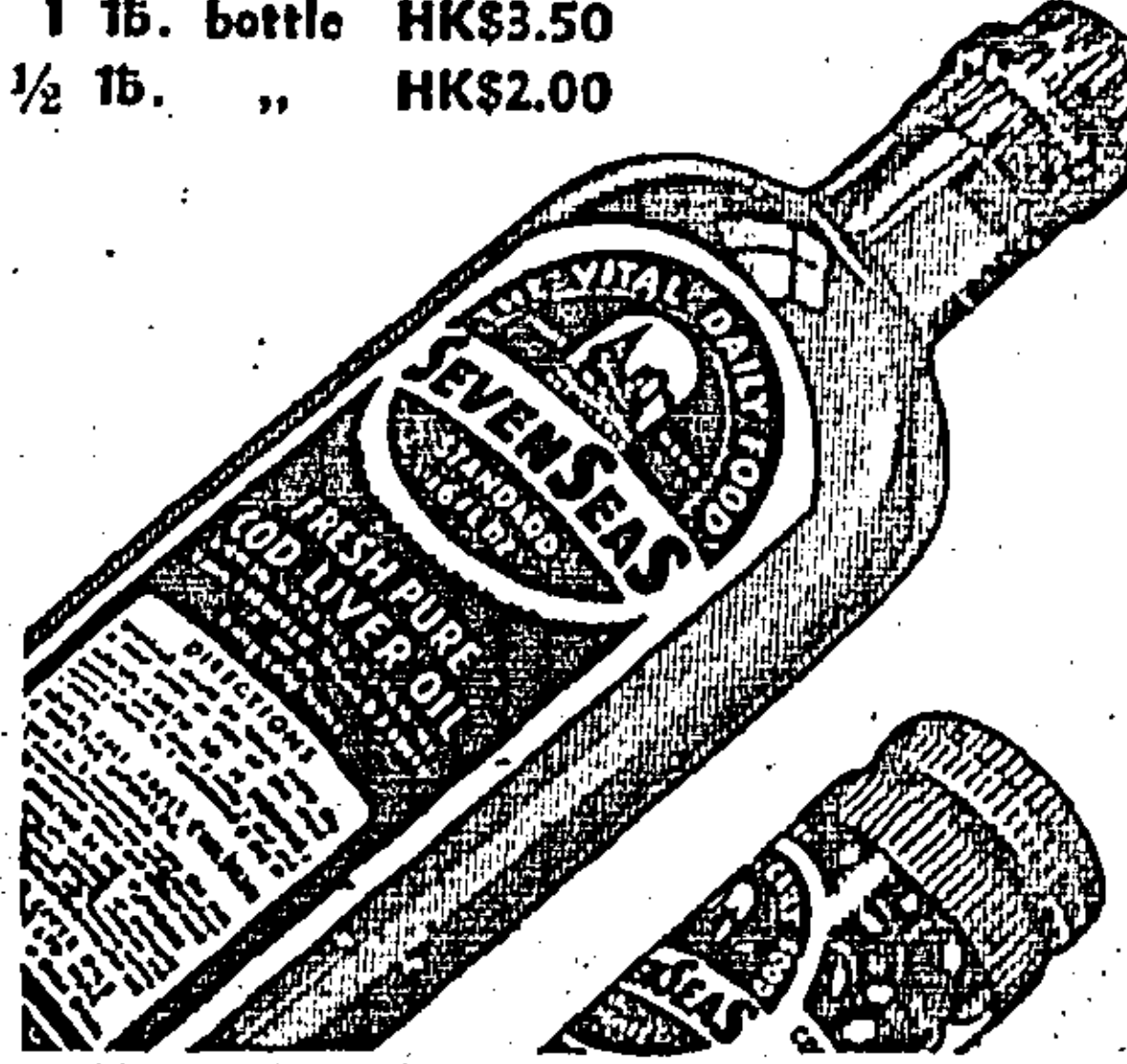
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